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Fort Almanac—Dec. 23

Sun Rises	7 08 A M
Sun Sets	4 51 P M
Day's Length	9 h 43 m
High Water at Southport	6.49 P M
High Water at Wilmington	8 29 P M

The Weather.

U. S. DEP'T OF AGRICULTURE, WEATHER BUREAU, WILMINGTON, N. C., Dec. 23.

Temperature, 8 a. m., 54°; 8 p. m., 52°; maximum, 59°; minimum, 52°; mean, 56°; Rainfall for the day, .20; rainfall since 1st of month up to date, 2.95.

WEATHER CONDITIONS.

The storm area extends from the Middle Atlantic coast north and northeast. Cloudiness with showers prevails under it. Cloudiness continues over the greater portion of the country, but is giving way rapidly before the fair cool weather entering with the high area now central over the Southwest and covering the greater portion of the interior of the country. Light showers continue along the Gulf coast under the change to lower temperature Conditions indicate a set towards dry weather, being cooler for several nights, then warmer over this locality.

Local forecast to 12 midnight Thursday: Generally fair weather; cooler with frosts at night; west to northwest winds.

Stage of water at Fayetteville at 8 a.m., 8.5 feet.

OUTLINES.

The case of John Anderson, on trial in the Federal Court at Norfolk, Va., charged with the murder of mate Saunders, of the schooner Olive Pecker, was given to the jury and Court adjourned until 10 a. m. to-day. —— The funeral of Miss Herbert, who committed suicide in Washington, D. C., took place yesterday. —— The Southern Express Company paid the National Park bank, New York city, $10 000, the amount stolen from the Express office in Columbia, S. C.; the money was shipped by the Park bank for a bank in Newberry, S. C. —— China has granted permission to Russia to winter a squadron at Port Arthur; Great Britain demands a *quid pro quo*; Chinese councils are divided as to whether it shall be peace or war with Germany; China is negotiating a loan with Russia and Russian officers have been appointed to drill the armies of North China. —— Authorities in Washington have been sounded as to the attitude of the United States toward the complications in China, presumably in behalf of Great Britain; but the United States has no interest in territorial extension now going on in China, and her only concern will be to guard established American interests there. —— Josiah Quincy, Democrat, is re elected mayor of Boston, Mass. —— Gen. Weyler says Spain will lose Cuba if autonomy is persisted in. —— Japan will not protest against the annexation of Hawaii by the United States being only anxious to secure full protection for Japanese interests in the island. —— Reciprocity negotiations between the United States and Germany are practically suspended. —— The cornerstone of the monument to be erected in Asheville to the memory of the late Senator Z B Vance was laid yesterday with Masonic ceremonies. —— The U. S. battleship Maine overhauled and searched several schooners leaving Key West, Fla., but no arms or ammunition were found and the vessels were allowed to proceed. —— Officers and members of the crew of the wrecked barque Marion S. Harriss, of Wilmington, have arrived in New York city. —— Walcott and Tracey will fight in Chicago Monday night. —— Warehouses of the Andrews Furniture Co., Chicago, burned; loss about $100,000. —— Earthquakes in Mexico are believed to indicate that either a subsidence or rise of the western coast is taking place. —— Twenty persons injured, three perhaps fatally, in a stage struck by a railroad train near Passaic, N. J. —— Havana advices deny that Gen. Aranguren was killed with Ruiz; that after the death of Ruiz he was promoted to be brigadier general; Gen. Pando says that negotiations with the insurgents having failed no other course is open but to finish the war with war. —— York markets: Money on call stiff at 2½@4 per cent., last loan at 3, and closed offered at 2½@3 per cent.; cotton steady; middling 5⅞c; flour moderately active, closing easy with wheat; wheat—spot weak; No. 2 red $1 00⅝; corn—spot easy; No. 2 34⅜c f. o. b. afloat; rosin steady; spirits turpentine firm at 33@33½c.

Some of the woodchoppers in Maine wear bells when they go out into the woods to avoid the danger of being shot by "fool hunters" mistaking them for a deer.

Gen. Blanco is reported as saying that if autonomy fails in Cuba, or if it is likely to fail in restoring peace if established, he will resign. He might as well send in his resignation.

With the improvement in sanitary methods in the city of New York the mortality has been reduced from 39,925 in 1891 to 35,794 in 1897, notwithstanding the large increase in population.

This country may not be literally going to the dogs, but some of its rich men seem to be. Pierpont Morgan has just bought a $1,000 pup, Chauncey M. Depew has two dogs, and Howard Gould nine.

The New Orleans *Picayune* remarks that when a cloud bursts over Mobile, it makes things lively in the old town. Puts her "in the swim" as it were, and makes the denizens hustle to get in out of the wet.

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Poor old China. As a stimulus to the landgrabbers rich gold-bearing territory has been found in Manchuria. The Chinese knew the gold was there, but considered it wicked to dig it. Those Chinamen who flocked to California were not so innocent for they pitched in and grabbed gold without any scruples of conscience.

The "wave of prosperity" is swinging around in the West, but notwithstanding that there are many of the school children of Chicago who are in such distress that their more fortunate school mates bring food and clothing, and provision has been made by charitable persons to feed them.

The first settlers of Wisconsin were fellows not to be sneezed at. In one of the mounds recently opened was found the skeleton of a chap nine feet tall, with a skull about the size of a half bushel. If this were in Illinois we might understand where the Chicago girls get their large feet.

Astronomer Falo sticks to it that that old comet is going to hit the earth on the 13th of November, 1899 If it doesn't the joke will be on him, and if it does we will have the satisfaction of knowing that he will not be in a condition to enjoy the joke on us.

A Virginia statesman has introduced a bill making flirting with the girl students in the Seminaries a misdemeanor, punishable by fine and imprisonment. Why not include the girls? It takes two to make a flirtation with enough in it to be interesting.

The taking of the census of 1890 cost about $7,000,000. Commissioner Wright, of the Bureau of Labor Statistics, says that with proper methods and the employment of proper persons it should not have cost more than $2,000,000.

Booker T. Washington, the biggest brained colored man in this country, and the most level headed, gave the negroes a solid chunk of advice when he spoke thus: "Make yourselves fit before you try to govern others."

The Georgia Legislature has appropriated $10,000 for a textile school in Atlanta, provided a similar amount be raised by private subscription. This is better than trying to knock out life insurance.

NEW ADVERTISEMENTS.

A. D. BROWN—A few specialties.
J. H. REHDER & Co.—Xmas presents
C. W. POLVOGT Co—Greatest values.
CAROLINA INS. Co—Dividend notice.

NEW BUSINESS LOCALS.

A. E. BLAKE—Peanut roaster.

"A Race to the Southern Sea."

The above is the title of a very neat little Christmas folder issued by the Seaboard Air Line, with compliments of the season. The race is between a rabbit and a dog, and the former knowing the "popular line South," leaves "in the wake" her canine pursuer, which took another route. The moral drawn is that "even the instinct of the rabbit teaches that the best and most popular route to all points South is via the S. A. L." The folder was designed by Mr. T. J. Anderson, General Passenger Agent.

Rev. G M. Tolson.

The vestry of the Episcopal church at Hertford, N. C., has offered the rectorship of that church to Rev. G. M. Tolson, rector of the Chapel of the Good Shepherd, this city. Rev. Mr. Tolson has not accepted the call but has it under consideration, It is hoped, however, that Mr. Tolson will not accept the rectorship tendered, as he has accomplished great good in the southern part of the city, and is well beloved not only by the congregation of his own church but by the community as well.

Shipments of Lettuce.

Lettuce is being moved to the Northern markets at a great rate now, and the trucking business in New Hanover is arriving at greater proportions yearly. There were good shipments yesterday, and on the day before about 150 barrels went out by express alone. Some of the growers are Messrs. Sol. J Jones, D. W. Trask, Thos. S. Kenan, Owen Martindale and C H. Heide.

— Mr. William Struthers and daughter, Miss Isabel, will leave this afternoon, via the Atlantic Coast Line, for Philadelphia, where they will spend the holidays.

Fireworks at cost at Warren's Vienna Bakery. †

J. H. Rehder & Co.'s is the place to make your purchases for Xmas. †

PERSONAL PARAGRAPHS

Pertinent Paragraphs Pertaining Principally to People and Pointedly Printed.

— Mr. Brook French is here to spend the holidays.

— Mr. A. S. King, of Hamptsead, was here yesterday.

— Mr. M. W. Teachey, of Teachey's, were here yesterday.

— Mr. R. R. Mason, of Gibson, was in the city yesterday.

— Mr. R. E. Vick, of Council's Station, was here yesterday.

— Maj. T. H. McKoy arrived yesterday to spend the holidays.

— Mr. S. D. Bradford, of Kendal, was one of yesterday's arrivals.

— Mr. Will C. Stone, of Charlotte, was registered here yesterday.

— W. H. Pope, Esq., of Fayetteville, was registered here yesterday.

— Miss Janie Horne returned home yesterday from Rocky Mount,

— Mr. E. H. Jennings, of Fayetteville, was registered at The Orton yesday.

— Miss Blanche Armstrong returned home yesterday to spend Christmas.

— Mr. A. W. King, of Sloop Point, was a caller at this office yesterday.

— Mr. N. S. Fort, of Pikeville, was among yesterday's visitors in the city.

— Mr. H. D. Blake, of Raleigh, was among yesterday's hotel registrations.

— Miss Bettie W. Johnson arrived last evening to spend the holidays at home.

— Messrs. S. R. Bailey and J. R. Shultz, of Chadbourn, were in the city yesterday.

— Mr. Nell Emerson, of Horner's School, returned home yesterday for the holidays.

— Mr. W. D. Howard, of Topsail, was among yesterday's visitors at the STAR office.

— Miss Henrietta Jarman, of Jacksonville, was in the city yesterday visiting friends.

— Mr. R. C. Bunting returned yesterday from attending medical lectures at Baltimore.

— Mr. and Mrs. L. J. Cooper returned last evening from a week's visit to Stedman.

— Mr. J. H. Atwood, one of the lessees of the hotel at Pinehurst, was here yesterday.

— Miss Mabel Powers rerurned home last evening from St. Mary's to spend Christmas.]

— Mrs. J. D. Currie and Mrs. N. A. Currie, of Clarkton, were in the city yesterday, guests of The Orton.

— Dr. G. Kirby Collier, a student of the Pavsicians and Surgeon's College, Baltimore, Md., has returned.

— Mrs. E. L. Middleton, of Cary, arrived in the city yesterday, and is visiting her sister, Mrs C L. Haywood.

— Mr. Z. G. Thompson, a substantial farmer of Abbottsburg, was among yesterday's visitors in the city.

— Mr. Johnnie Wessell returned yesterday for the holidays from Baltimore, where he has been attending medical lectures.

— The Misses Emerson and Miss Emma West returned last evening from Raleigh, where they have been attending St. Mary's.

— Mrs. G. W. Cherry, of Portsmouth, Va., arrived in the city last evening to spend the holidays with her father, Prof. E. VanLaer.

— Misses Mary Harper, Lela McGirt, Claribel Van Dyke and Lucy Bowden returned from school yesterday to spend Christmas at home.

— Misses Julia, Cornelia and Mary Belle Fillyaw returned to the city last evening from a pleasant visit to friends and relatives in Norfolk.

— Dr. G. L. Clark, of Clarkton, is in the city. He is the only sports. man who ever mistook the field editor of the STAR for a partridge, and emphasized his mistake by shooting the f. ed. in the chin.

Arrival of the New Pastor of Grace Church.

Rev. A P. Tyer, who was appointed at the recent session of the North Carolina Annual Conference of the M. E Church South to Grace church for the present conference year, arrived with his family Wednesday afternoon from Elizabeth City, N. C, where he served as presiding elder of the Elizabeth City circuit the past year, and will enter immediately upon his duties, preaching his first sermon next Sunday. The family were met at the depot by a committee of reception and were taken to the parsonage, at the northwest corner of Walnut and North Second streets, which will be their home while in this city.

A Removal and an Arrival.

Rev. S. D. Swaim, a well known Baptist minister, who has lived in Wilmington for several years and served several churches in the country, left yesterday with his family for Mocksville, having been called some time ago to the pastorate of the Baptist church there.

Mr. and Mrs. I. J. Kelley, of Mount Olive, the parents of Mrs. J B. Harrell, have come to Wilmington to live and are occupying the residence on South Fifth street vacated by Mr Swaim.

On account of meeting State Association of School Superintendents, Greensboro, N C., December 28—30, the Seaboard Air Line will sell tickets, Wilmington to Greensboro, at the rate of $7.45 for the round trip Tickets on sale December 27th and 28th, with final limit January 1st, 1898.

Fireworks at cost at Warren's Vienna Bakery. †

THE LEE HYPNOTISTS.

A Large Audience at the Entertainment Last Night—The Hypnotised Man Put to Sleep Monday Night Awakened

A large audience greeted the Lees at the Opera House last night and wondered and laughed. Yes, it wondered at the mysterious power—hypnotism—displayed, and laughed itself hoarse at the ludicrous antics of the subjects.

Dr. Lee made a brief, but interesting and instructive, talk about hypnotism among the Hindoos, and then the fun commenced. The entertainment closed with an imaginary balloon ascension, in which ten of the gentlemen subjects played laugh-provoing, yes, howling parts. Before this scene Mr. Harold Griffin, the young man who was put into a hypnotic sleep Monday evening and displayed in that state since that time in the show window of Mr. B. F. Penny's store, was brought upon the stage and in full view of the audience was awakened, and immediately jumped off the cot as spry as a rabbit and walked around, after which he was weighed, which showed that he weighed 147 pounds, seven and a half pounds less than he weighed when he was put to sleep. Dr. Lee explained that while Mr. Griffin was asleep every organ in his (Griffin's) body was inactive, except the heart and lungs, and that he would in 48 hours regain the weight he lost while asleep, and more. Mr. Griffin stated that when he awoke he felt just the same as when he went to sleep; that his sleep seemed to him like a flash of light.

To night the entertainment promises fine opportunities to laugh. The concluding act will show the subjects having a day "off" at an imaginary side show.

Last night on the stage Dr. Lee stated that he had heard that a certain party in the city, while being allowed to examine Mr. Griffin, had run a pin into the sleeper's body, which might produce blood poison, and that if the story was verified the party who had committed the assault would be prosecuted.

BLUE MOUNTAIN JOE.

The Doctor's Tent and Other Properties Still in Possession of the Sheriff

The tent and other fixtures of Dr. Blue Mountain Joe are still in possession of the sheriff of New Hanover county, and unless the defendant shows that the property belongs to parties in Winston (as alleged by him), or a bond to stay the execution is furnished during to-day, the articles levied upon will be advertised for sale ten days, commencing to-morrow, as required by law. Dr. Blue Mountain Joe, however, expects to receive evidence from Winston to-day that will prove that he is not the owner of the tent, and if such is the case the sheriff will have to surrender possession, unless the plaintiffs, not being satisfied, appeal the case and give bond. Dr. Blue Mountain Joe yesterday requested to be allowed to continue his performances until the attachment matter was settled, but this the sheriff would not agree to.

Hypnotist Parties all the Rage.

Parties at which Dr. Lee, the well known hypnotist, and different members of his company, (which is appearing at the theatre this week) display their mysterious power, are getting to be the rage and decidedly plentiful.

Yesterday afternoon Dr. Lee and his manager, Mr. Thos. F. Adkins, and Mr. C. B. Westover attended parties at the residence of Mrs. C. C. Brown and Mrs. Jno. Platt, and at each place these gentlemen gave an interesting entertainment of hypnotism, which caused much wonder and merriment. Quite a number of the young ladies and gentlemen in attendance upon the parties were hypnotized, and if before they were skeptical about this power, they are no longer so.

Charged with Stealing Turkeys.

Yesterday morning a warrant was sworn out in Justice McGowan's court for the arrest of Moses Brown, colored, on the charge of stealing a number of turkeys from Mr. W. J. Humphrey. The warrant was placed in the hands of Deputy Sheriff Flynn to be served, and last night the deputy arrested Brown at a house on Market street, between Thirteenth and Fourteenth.

Colemar—Spivey.

Last night at 8 o'clock at the residence of the bride's father, Mr. J. S. Coleman, 919 North Third street, Mr. Wm Spivey and Miss Mary E Coleman were united in marriage. Rev. A. D. McClure officiated. The marriage being a quiet affair, only the relatives of the bride and groom and a few invited guests were present.

One Cent a Word.

Hereafter advertisements to go in our Business Locals" department will be charged one cent per word for each insertion; but no advertisement, however short, will be taken for less than 30 cent This is a reduction from former rates and it is also a convenience to advertisers who can calculte the exact cost of their advertisements, which must be paid for always in advance.

Marriage Yesterday.

Mr. B. S. Reynolds, one of the employes of the Navassa Guano Company, and Miss Ida Hickman, of Brunswick county, were happily united in marriage yesterday; Rev. J. W. Kramer, pastor of Brooklyn Baptist church, officiating. The ceremony took place at Mr. Kramer's residence.

The Cargo of the Silver Heels.

The cargo of the schooner *Silver Heels*, which cleared night before last for Barbadoes, consisted of 68,856 feet of lumber and 113,675 shingles, and was valued at $1 683. The lumber and shingles were shipped by Edward Kidder's Son.

One dollar and twenty five cents Gloves (guaranteed) 98c: $1 00 Gloves 75c; Handkerchiefs 5 to 98c, this week at Rehder's, Fourth street. †

Fireworks at cost at Warren's Vienna Bakery. †

LOCAL DOTS.

Items of Interest Gathered Here and There and Briefly Noted.

— Wilmington Lodge No. 139, Independent Order of Odd Fellows, will confer the second degree to-night.

— Beginning to-morrow, the train over the Wilmington and Newbern road will leave at 2.35 p. m., arriving in return at 12 15 p. m.

— Rev. G. D. Langston, the new pastor of Bladen Street M. E. church, arrived in the city yesterday and will preach his first sermon to night.

— In the Police Court yesterday Aaron Swinson, colored, was bound over to the next term of the Criminal Court on the charge of resisting an officer.

— The Board of Directors of the Carolina Insurance Company have declared a dividend of three per cent., payable on the fifteenth of next month.

— In Justice Bunting's court yesterday, Jas. Coleman, colored, was arraigned charged with willful injury to personal property, but was adjudged not guilty and discharged.

— The brig *Gabrielle*, Capt. Munday, was cleared yesterday by George Harriss, Son & Co. for Boston, with a cargo of 319.10½ feet of lumber from the Hilton Lumber Company.

— Mr. G. M. Summerell, builder and contractor, is completing a handsome two story house on South Eighth street near Market. The building is to have all the modern improvements.

— No decision was rendered yesterday by Col. Jno. D. Taylor, Clerk of the Superior Court, on the motion made by Mr. S. H. Fishblate to vacate the attachment of Messrs. Wallerstein & Klee.

— As Christmas Day will be observed as a holiday by the employees of the STAR, no paper will be issued from this office next Sunday morning. This will be our first and only holiday during the year 1897.

— One thousand three hundred and twenty-four bales of cotton were received at this port yesterday against 935 on the corresponding day of '96. The local market closed firm at 5⅝, the quotation same time last year having been 6¼.

— One of the busiest portions of the city this week is at Rehder's, Fourth street bridge. The display windows present a large and exceedingly well arranged assortment of toys and other goods. The display of handkerchiefs is very striking indeed.

— A Washington dispatch to the Charlotte *Observer* of yesterday stated that Mr. William H. Chadbourn was in Washington on business connected with the appointment to the Wilmington postoffice and that he was spoken of as a compromise candidate.

— It is said there are over three hundred cases of small pox in the pesthouses of Atlanta. The number of cases under treatment in private houses is not stated. The worst is over, however, as nearly every man, woman and child in the city has been vaccinated.

— Mrs. Jno. P. Stedman died at her home in Oxford on the 21st. She was a daughter of the late Rev. Dr. Cordon, and was a most estimable woman. The many friends and relations of Mr. Stedman in the Cape Fear section will regret to hear of his great loss.

— Deputy Sheriff Flynn yesterday morning arrested Andrew Hill, colored, charged with stealing twelve dozen eggs from Mr. J. W. Humphrey, who keeps store corner Sixth and Chesnut streets. The accused will be tried by Justice Bunting this afternoon at 3 o'clock.

BY RIVER AND RAIL.

Receipts of Naval Stores and Cotton Yesterday.

Wilmington & Weldon R. R.—67 bales cotton, 1 cask spirits turpentine, 4 bbls rosin, 19 bbls tar, 16 bbls crude turpentine.

Wilmington, Columbia & Augusta R. R.—800 bales cotton, 37 casks spirits turpentine, 68 bbls rosin, 174 bbls tar, 23 bbls crude turpentine.

Carolina Central R. R.—145 bales cotton, 2 casks spirits turpentine, 193 bbls rosin, 8 bbls tar, 16 bbls crude turpentine.

Cape Fear & Yadkin Valley R. R.—7 bales cotton, 25 casks spirits turpentine, 73 bbls rosin, 353 bbls tar.

Wilmington & Newbern R. R—395 bales cotton, 6 casks spirits turpentine, 21 bbls rosin.

Steamer A. P. Hurt—2 bales cotton, 8 casks spirits turpentine, 70 bbls rosin; 240 bbls tar, 2 bbls crude turpentine.

Steamer W. T. Daggett—7 casks spirits turpentine, 120 bbls tar, 15 bbls crude turpentine.

Schooner Berta M. T.—8 bales cotton, 18 bbls tar.

Total receipts—Cotton, 1,383 bales, spirits turpentine, 76 casks; rosin, 439 bbls; tar, 931 bbls; crude turpentine, 73 bbls.

Foot Ball Christmas Day.

A glance at the following personnel of the A. C. L. and O. A. N. teams will be a guarantee of a good game of foot ball. Among the A. C. L players will be: Sinclair, Paschau, Taylor, Prof. Clayton, King, Savage, Wenberg, Hackney—the famous Pennsylvania 1894 fullback, Moore, John, Holland, Williams, Wannamaker, Wootten, Ed. Herring, LeGwin and Stelljes. The O. A. N: Wootten, Bradley, Belden, Hatch, Green, Bellamy, Harllee, Lewis, Denson, (captain of University of Maryland team.) Gordon, Latham, McMillan, Gore, Claude, and Daggett.

Hilton Park has been put in readiness for the game and a large grand stand has been erected to accommodate the crowd.

Practices will be held by both teams to-night at the usual places.

Silk Umbrellas, 98c, $1.50 Columbia Bicycle Lamps 98c: Fancy House Slippers 28, 65, 98c and $1 25 this week at Rehder's, Fourth street. †

COLUMBIA EXPRESS ROBBERY.

Ten Thousand Dollars Stolen—Robbery Committed in the Columbia Office.

The Express robbery at Columbia, S. C., was a much more serious affair than appeared from the telegram in the STAR of yesterday, which fixed the amount at one thousand dollars. The *State* gives the following additional particulars:

There has been a $10,000 robbery in Columbia in the last few days. A package containing that amount of cash has been taken from the safe in the Southern Express Company's office in this city, and so far as is known now it is impossible to tell how the robbery was committed. The package has simply disappeared, and several of the officials of the company are here trying to solve the mystery. The big loss of the company was discovered at 7.40 o'clock Monday morning. Everything was kept perfectly quiet while the general officers were being notified.

On Monday afternoon Supt. O. M. Sadler and several other important officers, including Assistant General Superintendent P. W. Leary, of Atlanta, came from Charlotte to Columbia over the Southern Railway on a special train. It was noted also that Superintendent Croswell and other leading officials were here. In the afternoon they made the announcement that the package containing $10 000 had disappeared from the office presumably during Sunday night, and that the loss was discovered on Monday morning at 7 40 o'clock. They declined to give the name of the consignor or consignee. The package, it is said, was en route to Newberry.

As to how the robbery was committed no one can tell, so far as the general public is advised. The officials preserve a strict silence in regard to the matter. All kinds of stories are afloat, but it does not appear that an outside party had anything to do with it. If such was the case the man must have been an exceedingly bold one.

Mr. Leary last night stated that the officials were convinced that the robbery was committed in the Columbia office, and that it was clearly not a case of burglary or anything of that kind. He intends to remain here until the whole mystery is cleared up. He says that they have carefully examined every employe whose duty it was to handle the money and to all appearances each had done his whole duty. None of the employes have been discharged; every man is discharging his usual duties.

No time will be lost in fixing the robbery upon the guilty man.

By Telegraph to the Morning Star.

NEW YORK, December 23.—The Southern Express Company to day paid to the National Park Bank of this city $10 000 in settlement for the loss of that amount of money by the robbery of the Express Company's safe at Columbia, S. C., last Monday. The National Park Bank was the shipper of the stolen package which was for a bank at Newberry, S C. The officials here have learned nothing new tending to clear up the mystery.

American Legion of Honor.

At a regular meeting of Clarendon Council No. 67, American Legion of Honor, held last night, the following officers were elected to serve during the ensuing year:

Commander—A. L. DeRosset.
Vice Commander—F. E Hashagen.
Orator—W. W. Harriss.
Secretary—J. C. Morrison.
Collector—J. Weil.
Treasurer—I. L Greenewald.
Chaplain—N. Jacobi.
Guide—A. Liebman.
Warden—A. D Wessell.
Sentry—C. H. Ward.
Trustees—J. H. Boatwright, Roger Moore and A. D. Wessell.

These officers will be installed on the second Wednesday in January.

Examine the 5, 10 and 25c counters of Toys at Rehder's. Fourth street. †

NEW ADVERTISEMENTS

Dividend Notice.

A DIVIDEND OF 3 PER CENT. HAS BEEN declared by the Board of Directors of the Carolina Insurance Company, payable on January 15 h, 1898, to all stockholders of record on January 1st, 1898.

M. S. WILLARD, Secretary.
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Presses For Sale.

PRINTING AND JOB PRESS FOR SALE OR RENT. Also Building and Business Lots for sale at Red Springs. Farming Lands for sale.

Apply to S. R. TOWNSEND, Red Banks, N. C.
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Stoves at Cost.

UNTIL JANUARY 10TH, 1898, WILL SELL any Cook Stove in stock at Cost for cash. JUST RECEIVED a nice line of Christmas Tinware, consisting of Coke Boxes, Turkey Roasters, etc., etc. Banner Lamps to burn. JAS. H. TAYLOR, Jr.
de 19 tf

Wilmington Seacoast Railroad.

CHRISTMAS DAY AN EXTRA TRAIN will run, leaving the city at 9.30 o'clock a. m., and returning, leave Wrightsville Beach at 11.00 o'clock a. m. de 21 tf

Palace Market,
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Fine Beef, Mutton, Pork, large and Roast Pig size, Dressed Turkeys Dressed Chickens, Dressed Geese, Live and Dressed Quail, Corned Pork Ham, Corn Beef, Pork Sausage Meat, Pork Links &c.
Choice Celery at reasonable rates.
You are invited to call and see before you purchase elsewhere.

Respectfully, G. E. TILLY, Manager.
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Free Silver.

100 Cases (5c) Free Silver Powder.
100 Cases (10c) Free Silver Powder.
100 Cases Good Luck Powder.
25 Cases Rex Powder.
25 Cases Blue Ribbon Powder.
25 Cases Horsford's.

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A. D. BROWN,
Successor to BROWN & RODDICK,
No. 29 North Front St.

"ONE PRICE TO ALL" has been our motto since 1865, and we attribute our success to the unswerving adherance to it. We will not break price for any one. Some times we have goods that stay too long with us and then we cut the price and offer them to every one at GREAT SACRIFICE.

A Few Specialties.

Crash Towelling worth 5 cents at 3 cents per yard.
Novelty Dress Goods worth 50 cents at 40 cents per yard.
Drap Ete Dress Goods worth $1.25 at $1.00 per yard.
New line Percales at 12½ cents per yard.

Christmas Goods.

Dolls, Dolls, Dolls, Bric a-Brac, Neckwear, Ladies' and Gents' Kid Gloves, Parasols and Umbrellas Call and see our line.

This Week

Gentlemen's heavy Grey Underwear worth $1 50, only 98c each.
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Ladies' light weight Vests and Pants, only 98c each.
Ladies' non shrinking Vests and Pants, Grey, only 98c each.
A good Cotton Carpet, yard wide, for 25 cents per yard,
Union Carpeting 35 cents per yard.
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No. 9 North Front St.

We Boast of the Greatest Values We Offer
Never More Worthy Than Now.

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We're busy in this stock nearly all the time; the department gets fresh importations from such items as these, some wonder how it's done; others wonder why it's done. The how and the why matters little, The fact of its being done is sufficient for money-saving buyers. The best 25 cents Hose in the city.

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TOYS, TOYS, TOYS, of Every Description.

Dolls, Games, Furniture, Carriages, Wagons, &c.
Musical Instruments.
DRESS GOODS at special Xmas prices.
Table Cloths and Doylies.
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Car fare paid on purchases of $2.00 and up. de 19 tf

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AN ELEGANT LINE OF
FANCY SOAPS and PIPES
especially for the holiday trade.
Fine Assortment of Hair Brushes.
Military Hair Brushes, Celluloid Mirrors and Combs, and other Celluloid goods—hand painted.
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WEEK COMMENCING
Monday, December 20,
SATURDAY MATINEE.
The Lees
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Change of program nightly.
Prices—50, 35, 25 and 15 cents.
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SOAPS AND POWDERS,
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PURPLE AZALIA, a new perfume, 35 cents dozen.

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SUSPENDED.

THE PROVISION OF THE ORDINANCE prohibiting the firing of ordinary Fire Crackers will be suspended from noon December 24 h until midnight December 26th. Provided, however, that none shall be fired west of Front street. The firing of what is known as

CANNON OR CANTON CRACKERS

over two inches in length, or those containing Dynamite, is

ABSOLUTELY PROHIBITED

on any Street, Wharf or Alley, and the Police Force have positive instructions to

ARREST ANY OFFENDER.

Police have also been instructed to prevent the assembling of crowds upon the sidewalks or streets, or parading the same in BANDS WITH HORNS, and to disperse or arrest any persons so assembling or parading.

SILAS P. WRIGHT, Mayor.
December 18, 1897. su tu we fr de 19 4t

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The Morning Star.

By WILLIAM H. BERNARD.

WILMINGTON, N. C.

THURSDAY MORNING, DEC. 23, 1897

CHANDLER SEES BREAKERS AHEAD.

Senator Chandler, of New Hampshire, enjoys the distinction of being about the only Republican bimetallist representing an Eastern constituency He occupied the unique position before the nomination of McKinley of standing with the advocates of free silver while also standing by the Republican party, and he doubtless had a great deal to do with incorporating that bimetallic pledge fake into the St. Louis platform. Whether he be sincere or not, and be talking like an American anxious for the good of his country, or only as a politician anxious for the preservation of his party, he understands the situation and reads the future with a sagacity that few of his colleagues and political associates show. The effort of Secretary Gage to still further discre it silver and "more thoroughly commit" the country to the gold standard has drawn from him the following protest and warning in a letter addressed to the Washington *Post*. He talks thus plainly and prophetically:

"If the Secretary of the Treasury and his single gold standard associates will cease their demand for impossible currency legislation, Congress will pass the necessary appropriation bills, probably take care of Hawaii and Cuba, there will not be a serious party division during the session, and there will be an adjournment in May. Business will revive, the Treasury receipts will equal the expenditures, the balance of trade will continue in our favor, and the Republican party will in November, 1898, elect a majority of the House in the Fifty sixth Congress

"On the other hand, if Secretary Gage continues to press upon Congress a bill, the object of which he says is, 'first, to commit the country more thoroughly to the gold standard,' and the immediate effect of which is to throw doubts upon the sincerity of the President's declarations in favor of continued efforts to secure bimetallism, a political turmoil will arise in Congress which will split the now united Republicans into fragments, while it will unite and consolidate the now incongruous opposition. It is not feasible to retire the greenbacks; there is more probability that a bill will be sent to the President to increase their amount. It is not possible to secure the passage through either House of a bill making the greenbacks into gold notes, or authorizing bonds payable in gold. The effort to do either thing will probably result in the passage of a bill for the redemption of the greenbacks in silver dollars and for the payment of all United States bonds in gold or silver coin, in the discretion of the President, who will be commanded to exercise his option for the advantage of the Government and not for the advantage of the creditor.

"With such an uproar in Congress as these proceedings will create, with Western Congressmen embroiled therein, with Presidential vetoes as threatened by Secretary Gage under angry discussion, it will happen that all business enterprises and funds and stocks will be disturbed, prices will fall, insolvencies will increase, and the Republicans will lose the Congressional elections in 1898 as disastrously as they did in 1890, and beyond the hope of a favorable reaction in 1900, at which time, therefore, a Bryan Democratic President and Congress will be chosen.

"Whether we are to have one of these results—political safety—or the other—political destruction—depends entirely upon the course to be pursued by Secretary Gage and those who are pressing him forward, namely, the Gold Standard League, of New York, and the self-constituted National Monetary Conference. How much Secretary Gage cares for the Republican party is not known. Whether President McKinley, whose good faith towards bimetallism is coming to the test, will stop his Secretary in his insane career is not known. It is to be hoped he will. But no political situation has been clearer than the present to sound eyes since the Republican party began its marvellous career forty-two years ago. There are times for all things. There is a time to move and a time to keep still, and now is the time to so keep.

"It is simply political suicide for the Republican party in this Congress to affirmatively open the discussion of the money question and to bring on yea and nay votes on currency legislation. We ought to await the progress of international bimetallism, the advent of business prosperity and the filling of the Treasury by the normal workings soon to be seen of the new Tariff law. Shall we await for these things or rush on to self-destruction? President McKinley must decide. Will he act for his people or for his plutocrats? Upon his answer will depend the events of 1898."

Senator Chandler may be a sincere bimetallist, for there are a few such in the East. We would like to believe that he is, but from the wording of this letter it is undoubtedly inspired more by the thought of preserving the party than of aiding bimetallism. As a Senator of an Eastern State, it is in his power to do much for the cause of bimetallism by taking a bold and fearless stand for it, and joining with those Senators who believe that the quickest and the only way for this country to establish bimetallism is to proclaim it independently and let other Governments do as they please and come in with us or stay out, as long as they can afford to stay out, or until necessity compels them to come in. France is with us now, but France has, with us, been waiting on Great Britain, which will not move until forced to. If this country moved, France would move, other European Governments would follow, and Great Britain would in time be forced to, but we need not care whether she come in or not. This is the position that Senator Chandler should take, and if he were more of an American, anxious for his country, and less of a partisan, anxious for his party, this is the position he would take.

But like a partisan he is trying to play that old discredited fake of international bimetallism on the American people, when he knows as well as he knows which ear Senator Blackburn pulled that there is nothing in it and no earthly prospect for it until this country, asserting itself as one of the leading countries of the world, one which leads and does not follow, boldly establishes bimetallism. He knows full well that when the President talked about continued efforts to secure international agreement he was simply talking like a politician, as he is in this letter, and that the President had not the slightest idea that anything more would be accomplished on that line after the dismal failure of the commission which he sent abroad, and when Senator Chandler intimates that there is any hope for it he is simply joining with the President in playing what every sensible person now believes to be a fraud.

But when he discourses on the effect of Secretary Gage's efforts on the gold line, and predicts the consequences and the impossibility of doing what the Secretary wants to have done, he shows his sagacity and his ability to scent danger and see things before they happen. The difference and the only difference, perhaps, between him and Secretary Gage is that Secretary Gage, although acting with the Republican party, is a gold man first and a Republican next, and he is a Republican first and a silver man next. Gage would sink the Republican party, if necessary, to maintain gold, while he would sink silver, if necessary, to maintain the Republican party. Gage is not a politician and doesn't care a continental for the Republican party when weighed against gold, and Chandler is a politician and cares everything for the Republican party when weighed against silver. That's the difference between the two men, and this is what alarms Chandler.

But as a politician he shows his astuteness, peers into the future with a clear, keen eye, and doesn't hesitate to tell what he sees there if this attempt be persisted in to "commit the country more thoroughly" to the gold standard. He doubtless feels as a good many free silver advocates do that the friends of free coinage and bimetallism are under obligations to Secretary Gage for making the issue so unequivocally and so candidly, and he is as anxious to draw Gage off that line as the friends of free coinage are that he should continue it. The perturbed Senator was evidently in dead earnest when he wrote and prophesied. As coming from one of the Eastern lights of the party the letter is interesting reading.

MINOR MENTION.

We wrote something a short while ago about North Carolina apples, from which little profit is made by our farmers, but from which much might be made. The following we clip from the Sanford *Express* of last week:

"Moore is one of the finest fruit growing counties in the State, yet hundreds of dollars are spent every year by the people of Sanford and other towns in the county for apples raised in Western North Carolina and Virginia and other States north of us. The very finest apples can be raised in this section. Our farmers pay too little attention to fruit culture. Let them stop raising so much 5 cent cotton and go to raising more fruit for market. Apples are being shipped from some places in the State to New York and even to Europe."

There is no better apple producing State in the United States than North Carolina. There is no portion of the State in which they cannot be grown to perfection, some of the varieties grown being equal to the most famous apples of other States. For size and quality the apples grown in some of the mountain counties in the West cannot be excelled anywhere, some of them being so large that it would seem like joking to give their size. We have seen trees growing there on the mountain sides that towered and branched like oaks of the forests, and were told that they were over a hundred years old, and are still producing full crops of fruit that would tempt a boy to forget his Sunday school training. The varieties throughout the State are numerous, and in whatever direction you travel you will find orchards, and yet it is very rare to find a farmer who makes his orchard a source of profit. The principal way for marketing the fruit is to cut it up and ship as dried apples, of which large quantities are shipped North, but nothing in comparison with the quantity of apples grown. The bulk of these are left to fall from the trees, where they lie to rot if not eaten by the hogs. Some of these days maybe our farmers will learn that there is some real value in apples and profit by them more than they do now. There is scarcely a town in North Carolina which does not import apples from other States, and some of the crab apples grown in this State are as eatable as some of the imported fruit.

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The anti-autonomists are working at both ends of the line, in Spain and in Cuba, and show a pretty well planned and organized movement to defeat autonomy. They are active in Spain, where they have given expression to their opposition by denouncing it and indorsing the policy and course of Weyler, and have secured the co-operation of many officers in the army, and the army practically dictates the policies of Spain. They are active in Cuba also, where several meetings have been held, one of which was in Havana, as reported in the dispatches of yesterday, when three hundred delegates are said to have been present, representing 80 per cent. of the wealth of the island, to protest against autonomy. They protested, and went further by declaring their confidence in and support of Weyler. Declaring their approval of Weyler's policy and support of Weyler doesn't amount to much now as Weyler is out, and it is not likely that they would give him any more support if he were in again than they gave him when he was in, but their opposition to autonomy is significant and is practically a declaration that the end must be either submission to Spain by the Cubans or independence, which justifies the position that the Cubans have taken, that autonomy is a fraud and independence the only hope of Cuba. This is equivalent to declaring that the only thing which will satisfy these co-workers with the foes of Cuba is the absolute submission of the Cubans and the full restoration of Spanish sovereignty with all that this implies. By such declarations, and by the exhibition of such a spirit they are rendering the fighters for freedom inestimable service.

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The ostensible purpose of a protective tariff is to encourage and foster American industries, especially manufacturing industries. This is the only justification of protection. Admitting, for the sake of argument, that this protection may foster some industries, it is ruinous to others of equal if not of greater importance. The iron manufacturing industry, for instance, of the seaboard States is seriously handicapped by the duty of 40 cents a ton on imported iron ores. They are dependent for their supplies of iron upon the Lake Superior mines or upon the imported. The cost of transportation by rail from the former is a heavy tax, while the 40 cents a ton on the imported is also a heavy tax, each of which handicaps the Eastern iron maker in competing with foreign rivals in the markets of the world. Referring to this Mr. Stuart Wood, of the firm of D. Wood & Co., of Philadelphia, large exporters of iron piping, says:

"If the duty on iron ore were to be taken off, the result would be that the Eastern manufacturers who are located near the seaboard and tidewater could enter the foreign markets, and hold them permanently, too, without having to depend upon any temporary depression in the price of American iron to give them an advantage over foreign manufacturers. As it is, we cannot make foreign contracts for a year ahead, for we can not predict the cost of iron, while the English manufacturers, paying no import tax, know that they have in this the best possible guarantee that at all times they can get the cheapest raw material in the world.

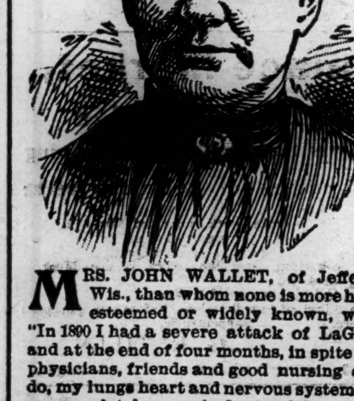
"The tariff thus works an especial injustice in Eastern iron manufacturers. One large Philadelphia steel company owns extensive mines in Cuba, and yet cannot import its own ores without paying a tax, although it would be cabled under a free duty to compete in any open foreign market for steel rail contracts. I would predict that if the tariff on iron ore were taken off, fires would again burn brightly in iron furnaces of Eastern Pennsylvania which now stand still, and many would resume thier old-time activity by reaching out for foreign trade in competition with the world."

This is from a man who represents an iron house in the highly protected State of Pennsylvania, for whose benefit principally iron has been so highly protected. But with experience they are learning something and will learn more.

A sharper did up some of the rural districts in West Virginia, and yanked lots of currency out of the farmers by selling them grains from an ear of corn twenty inches long, at a big price. This corn he said was brought from Africa by a missionary who pulled it from a stalk twenty-five feet high, bearing six of these ears. He wouldn't sell many grains to any one person, because his stock was limited and he wanted all to have a showing. It turned out that the twenty inch ear was built from other smaller ears cleverly dovetailed.

—Smiles—"I heard a side-splitting joke the other day."
Giles—"What was it?"
Smiles—"I can't recall it just now, but it was something about Adam losing his rib."

"Saved Her Life."



MRS. JOHN WALLET, of Jefferson, Wis., than whom none is more highly esteemed or widely known, writes. "In 1890 I had a severe attack of LaGrippe and at the end of four months, in spite of all physicians, friends and good nursing could do, my lungs heart and nervous system were so completely wrecked, my life was despaired of, my friends giving me up. I could only sleep by the use of opiates. My lungs and heart pained me terribly and my cough was most aggravating. I could not lie in one position but a short time and not on my left side at all. My husband brought me Dr. Miles' Nervine and Heart Cure and I began taking them. When I had taken a half bottle of each I was much better and continuing persistently I took about a dozen bottles and was completely restored to health to the surprise of all."

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SPIRITS TURPENTINE.

— Fayetteville *Observer*: It is a remarkable fact that in Fayetteville were invented and patented two famous cigarette machines, the Underwood machine and the Briggs machine. ——There are 97 cases already on the docket for the special term of the Criminal Court which meets here next Monday, the 27th.

— Goldsboro *Argus*: Mr. Hunt, from near Apple Tree, was in the city to day to obtain help to find the thief who entered his dwelling last night and $385.00 from his trunk. Mr. Hunt went out to the postoffice last night and when he returned home to retire he found his trunk open and the money missing.

— Lumberton *Robesonian*: Mrs. Mary Pittman died very suddenly at her home in Washington township early Saturday night. She was sitting at the table after supper, stuffing sausage, and asked one of her children to get her bonnet. Before the request could be complied with she dropped over and died without uttering another word.

— Statesville *Landmark*: Few people know that a fish has teeth, but the carp variety have very large ones. Mr. D. J. Williams caught a 10 pound carp in the creek below the Davis mill a few days ago and a portion of its jaw-bone, which he brought to the *Landmark* office, contains teeth which look as if they might belong to some large animal.

— Salisbury *Sun*: Mr. H. T. Sprinkle, of this city, has just completed a model for a heater on which he proposes to secure a patent. Mr. Sprinkle has made and placed two of the heaters, and they are giving entire satisfaction. They resemble other heaters, but in the rear are two pipes which go down through the floor or out the side of the room, and through them comes cold air. This air becomes warm while passing through an apartment attached to the rear of the heater, and then goes to the top of the room, pressing foul and cold air down and out.

TWINKLINGS.

— "Does your son worry you by contracting debts?"
"He doesn't contract debts—he expands them."

—Who Can Deny It?—"Oh, well," said the gas man, there are tricks in all trades"
"Yes," replied the sleight-of-hand artist, "but you and I know that there are more tricks in some trades than in others."—*Cleveland Leader*.

— "Do you keep stationery here?" asked a young woman of a salesman in a general shop.
"Not much," replied the young man, rubbing his hands together. "The old man's too stingy with his coal and we have to bustle about to keep warm."—*Judge*

— Willie Smith was playing with the Jones boys. His mother called him. "Willie, don't you know those are bad boys for you to play with?"
"Yes, mother," said Willie, "I know that, but then I am a good boy for them to play with."—*Household Words*.

— Edith—"Do you think it wrong to say 'darn'?"
Bertha—"Perhaps not; but when one is vexed, instead of saying 'darn,' I think it more ladylike simply to knit one's brow."—*Boston Transcript*.

— "I see the Cuban Generals have refused to be bribed."
"Yes; those Spaniards are very short-sighted."
"Short-sighted? Why?"
"They ought to have got some street railroad or gas magnate to do the approaching."

— At Variance—Precocious Juvenile—"Mamma, it isn't good grammar to say' after I.' is it?"
His Mother—"No, Georgie."
Precocious Juvenile—"Well, the letter J comes after I. Which is wrong, the grammar or the alphabet?"—*Chicago Tribune*.

The diseases cured by Hood's Sarsaparilla are many, because most ailments disappear as soon as the blood is enriched and purified by it. †

CURRENT COMMENT

—— Secretary Gage is coming south for the purpose of inviting our people to aid the republicans to "more" firmly fix the gold standard on the country." All right. The more agitation, the sooner we'll see what we shall see.—*Atlanta Constitution, Dem.*

—— Greenbacks seem to be very much in disfavor with moneyed men just now, but they are mighty popular with the masses, and mighty consoling either in a single bill or a sung wad. We speak from experience with regard to the single bill, and from hearsay with reference to the snug wad.—*Augusta Chronicle, Dem.*

—— Col. Josiah Patterson says he is growing tired of politics. He is not half as tired of politics as the public is of him. The people of Kentucky will readily give their consent for the Hon. Josiah to join his friend Hon. W. D. Bynum in retirement. In fact they would not disturb the cover of oblivion, if that would suit them better.—*Louisville Dispatch, Dem.*

—— Emperor William, of Germany, and his brother, Prince Henry, have made themselves the laughing stock of Europe by their stupid and stilted speeches on the occasion of the dispatch of more war vessels to overawe and intimidate the Chinese. If there were any real fighting to be done the case would be somewhat different. Buccaneering that has some spice of danger in it appeals to the imagination; but the only danger Prince Henry will have to face in his battleship will be the danger of a disordered stomach, some times incident to navigation of the high seas.—*Philadelphia Record, Dem.*

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CASTORIA.

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A PIRATE STORY.

"You see, Crocky wanted to be up to date. That old schooner of his was a wonder to sail. But now that both Dutch and English cruisers were on the lookout for him he thought it was about time he had a smoke pot of his own. I needn't go over the nabbing of the Hija de la Mar. She was only a 60 foot, Barrow built launch, sent out for Pareras of Manilla. I ought to know."

"Yes. You were her engineer, weren't you?"

"Engineer of a hooker like that! Not likely. But I was going to Mindanao myself, and Jose Perera asked me to run the Hija down for him. And how Crocky nailed us, and marooned 'em all but me, of course you know."

"Yes! But why did he except you?"

"Because there were fixtures about the steam gear that puzzled him—newfangled touches that made him think he'd got hold of a 20 knotter or thereabout. Sixteen she was credited with on the measured mile, but 14 was all I could knock out of her, with Crocky's pistol at my ear to help me."

"'And that's her top notch, is it?' says he at last.

"'With better coal,' I told him, 'and a few notches more down by the stern, I might squeeze another knot out of her—not more.'

"'Call it 18 as a general thing,' he says, 'Too much for the Dutchie or for anything the Britishers hev got in these hyar waters.'

"'Yes. But what about the Spaniards?' I says.

"'Shuck!' he says and walks away aft.

"I could see Dixon knew something of the new 18 knot cruiser that had arrived at Manilla the day we left it. She'd be after us by that time, I expected. But, of course, I said nothing to Crocky. Sixteen of his men he had with him—the best, I suppose, in his estimation, which meant pretty well the biggest scoundrels. And the nearest thing to a white man among 'em was a big cross eyed Portuguese with a touch of the war brush.

"We fell in with a little green painted brig heading nor'west—cocoanut oil, I heard afterward, she had—from the islands, for Canton, and Crocky runs alongside and boards her with all his cutthroats but two. What happened in the brig's cabin I don't exactly know, but when we had cast off and the brig had filled her main topsail again the skipper runs to the taffrail and shakes his fist at Crocky. 'You Kankee robber,' he yells, 'you'll pay for this, as sure's my name's'—What his name was I didn't hear, for just then Crocky fired.

"The old chap stood for a bit with his fist stretched out, then down he went in a heap.

"Presently he walks up to the chap at the wheel—a half caste Dutchman by the look of him and not well used, I could see, to have the spokes of a steamer in his flippers. Dixon just looks at the compass and without a single word catches the man a crasher on the head with his revolver butt. Then he looks round, the smallest man aboard, with a pleasant little smile on his smooth little face. 'Take the wheel, Miguel,' he says to the big Portuguese, 'and heave this thing over the side, a couple of you.'

"Well, sir, there must be some such thing as fate after all. I believe it was this man's doom that drove him into sudden ferocity. At all events it was the shooting of the red faced skipper that brought the cruiser down on us.

"The mate of the brig kept her away from the Philippines to report the matter, and what does he drop across six hours later but the Spanish warship.

"Sure enough, next morning at sunrise there was a little inky smear going up out of the blue behind us. Crocky hardly took his eye off it for an hour, and when he found it was rising and spreading he comes to me and says, 'Drive her!' Not a word more, but you bet I did drive her for all she was worth.

"The stranger—steering for our smoke, of course—hove herself up so fast over the horizon that I knew she must be the new cruiser, the Cid Campeador.

"The way the don overhauled us was a caution, and as soon as she was near enough to show us the whiteness about her fore foot she let drive at us. 'Long way short, my boy!' I says to myself, but I hadn't reckoned on the latest touch in guns—the shot pitched a goop half mile ahead of us!

"Up comes Crocky when he hears the boom, and down he smashes his glass on deck when he makes out the stranger's ensign. 'Great Jefferson!' he says. 'Yellow bellies, after all!'

"I noticed that his pockets were bulging with something that made him very heavy in the walk. Then comes another shot—not ten feet from our smokestack—and at the screech of it Crocky seems to go clean mad. He pulls a revolver out of each breast pocket, fires at Miguel, and as the big Portuguese falls over the wheel whips round and pots five of his other men before the rest could rush him.

"In the middle of the shooting I had stopped the engines, and when I turned round there was a nigger with the blood pouring from his smashed face just forcing Crocky over the rail. His pockets sunk him like lead."

"What was in them?"

"Dollars! I fancy he intended to sink himself with them anyhow after he'd polished off his whole crew. But now there was nine of 'em left, and when they missed the throb of the screw they came for me like one man.

"But I fought 'em with what no man can face—steam—and scalded three of them so badly that they jumped overboard and sank within 20 rods of the cruiser's boat, pulling up hard. Two of the others fired into her and killed a seaman at his oar. That's what made the garrote a certainty for them in any case."

"Had a middling close shave of it yourself by some accounts?"

"Not quite so bad as that. But you see I'd been seventy odd hours without sleepor shave—thick with grease and coal dust besides. No wonder the Spanish lieutenant took me for what I looked like. But when I got aboard the Cid it was all right. The captain spoke English, and as soon as I had got freshened up a bit he sent me back with a half dozen of the mariners to run the Hija into Manilla.

"And after I'd given evidence against the five remaining picaroons I asked for this"—he lugged out a long colt navy—"as a little memento of the last of the pirates."—Exchange.

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EXPENSIVE CHEESE.

The Circumstances That Made the Limburger Cost $15 a Pound.

Beyond having the floor swept occasionally the office of a South Water street firm had not been cleaned for years. The walls and woodwork were of a uniform dingy shade, and it was almost impossible to see out of the windows. Every few months the bookkeeper would throw out a hint about it, but the boss obstinately refused to sanction the necessary expenditure.

One day the bookkeeper told his troubles to his friend Beerup, and that astute German at once suggested a plan for relief, which the sufferer proceeded promptly to put into execution. Two days later the old man came into the office on a brisk trot, but he stopped abruptly when near his own desk and sniffed the air suspiciously.

"Anybody been breaking ancient eggs in here?" he asked.

The bookkeeper also sniffed and admitted it was pretty bad, but offered no suggestion beyond remarking that it had been getting worse for several months. After two days more, customers who came into the place would suddenly remember something they had forgotten and would go out and not come back. The next day the old man capitulated and told the office boy to telephone a certain firm to send a man over.

The man came, and the boss made a contract with him to clean the office and windows and freshly paint everything for the sum of $30. They finished the job the next evening, and before the old man's desk was moved back to its accustomed place the bookkeeper reached up into the space behind one of the drawers and pulled out a two pound chunk of the most fragrant limburger cheese that ever broke into the town.

He threw it as far away as he could, but he said to Beerup that night it was sinful extravagance to do it, as that cheese had cost the old man $15 a pound.—Chicago Times-Herald.

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BAGGING—			
2 ℔ Jute		@	6¼
Standard		@	7½
WESTERN SMOKED—			
Hams ℔ ℔	12	@	14
Sides ℔ ℔	6	@	7¼
Shoulders ℔ ℔	6	@	7½
DRY SALTED—			
Sides ℔ ℔	5	@	5¼
Shoulders ℔ ℔		@	5½
BARRELS—Spirits Turpentine—			
Second-hand, each	1 00	@	1 10
New New York, each		@	1 20
New City, each		@	1 20
BEESWAX ℔ ℔		@	22
BRICKS—			
Wilmington ℔ M	6 00	@	7 00
Northern	9 00	@	14 00
BUTTER—			
North Carolina ℔ ℔	15	@	18
Northern	18	@	28
CORN MEAL—			
Per Bushel, in sacks	44	@	45
Virginia Meal	44	@	45
COTTON TIES—℔ bundle		@	85
CANDLES—℔ ℔—			
Sperm	18	@	25
Adamantine	8	@	10
CHEESE—℔ ℔—			
Northern Factory	10	@	11
Dairy, Cream		@	11
State	10½	@	12
COFFEE—℔ ℔—			
Laguyra	20	@	
Rio	7½	@	10
DOMESTICS—			
Sheeting, 4-4, ℔ yard		@	5½
Yarns, ℔ bunch	18	@	20
EGGS—℔ dozen	15	@	16
FISH—			
Mackerel, No 1, ℔ barrel	22 00	@	30 00
Mackerel, No 1, ℔ half-barrel	11 00	@	15 00
Mackerel, No 2, ℔ barrel	16 00	@	18 00
Mackerel, No 2, ℔ half-barrel	8 00	@	9 00
Mackerel, No 3, ℔ barrel	13 00	@	14 00
Mullets, ℔ barrel	3 00	@	3 50
Mullets, ℔ pork barrel		@	6 50
N. C. Roe Herring, ℔ keg	3 00	@	3 25
Dry Cod, ℔ ℔	5	@	10
" Extra	3 35	@	3 50
FLOUR—℔ barrel—			
Low grade		@	3 75
Choice		@	4 75
Straight		@	5 00
First Patent	5 25	@	6 00
GLUE—℔ ℔—	7½	@	8½
GRAIN—℔ bushel—			
Corn, from store, bags—White		@	45
Car load, in bags—White		@	44
Oats, from store	32½	@	35
Oats, Rust Proof		@	40
Cow Peas		@	55
HIDES, ℔ ℔—			
Green		@	6
Dry		@	8
HAY, ℔ 100 ℔s—			
Clover Hay	80	@	85
Rice Straw		@	50
Eastern		@	90
Western		@	85
North River		@	75
HOOP IRON, ℔ ℔	1½	@	2
LARD, ℔ ℔—			
Northern	5½	@	6
North Carolina	6	@	10
LIME, ℔ barrel	1 15	@	1 25
LUMBER (city sawed), ℔ M feet—			
Ship Stuff, resawed	18 00	@	20 00
Rough-edge Plank	15 00	@	16 00
West India cargoes, according to quality	13 00	@	18 00
Dressed Flooring, seasoned	18 00	@	22 00
Scantling and Board common	14 00	@	15 00
MOLASSES, ℔ gallon—			
Barbados, in hhds		@	26
" " in bbls		@	28
Porto Rico, in hhds		@	26
" in bbls		@	28
Sugar-House, in hhds	12	@	14
" in bbls	14	@	15
Syrup, in bbls	12	@	15
NAILS, ℔ keg, Cut, 60d basis		@	1 50
PORK, ℔ barrel—			
City Mess	9 25	@	9 50
Rump		@	9 25
Prime		@	9 25
ROPE, ℔ ℔	10	@	22
SALT, ℔ sack Alum		@	1 10
Liverpool		@	60
Lisbon		@	
American	40	@	60
On 125 ℔ Sacks		@	40
SHINGLES, 7-inch, ℔ M	5 00	@	6 50
Common	1 60	@	2 25
Cypress Saps	2 50	@	3 50
SUGAR, ℔ ℔—Standard Granu'd		@	5¼
Standard A		@	[illegible]
White Ex. C		@	[illegible]
Extra C, Golden		@	[illegible]
C. Yellow		@	[illegible]
SOAP, ℔ ℔—Northern	3½	@	4
STAVES, ℔ M—W. O. barrel	8 00	@	14 00
R. O. Hogshead		@	10 00
TIMBER, ℔ M feet—Shipping		@	9 00
Mill, Prime		@	7 00
Mill, Fair	6 50	@	4 50
Common Mill	4 00	@	3 50
Inferior to Ordinary		@	3 00
SHINGLES, N. C. Cypress sawed			
℔ M 6x24 heart	7 50	@	8 50
" Sap	5 00	@	6 00
5x24 Heart	4 50	@	5 00
" Sap	4 00	@	4 50
6x20 Heart	5 00	@	6 50
" Sap	5 00	@	50
TALLOW, ℔ ℔		@	6
WHISKEY, ℔ gallon—Northern	1 00	@	2 00
North Carolina	1 00	@	2 00
WOOL ℔ ℔—Unwashed	8	@	15

COMMERCIAL.

WILMINGTON MARKET.

STAR OFFICE, December 22.

SPIRITS TURPENTINE—Market steady at 31 cents per gallon for machine-made casks, and 30½ cents for country casks.

ROSIN—Market firm at $1 15 per bbl for Strained and $1 20 for Good Strained.

TAR.—Market firm at $1 05 per bbl of 280 ℔s.

CRUDE TURPENTINE.—Market steady; $1.40 per barrel for Hard, 1 90 for Dip and 1.90 for Virgin.

Quotations same day last year—Spirits turpentine nothing doing; rosin firm, $1.45, $1.50; tar steady, $1.05; crude turpentine quiet and steady, $1.40, 1.90, 1.80.

RECEIPTS.

Spirits Turpentine	76
Rosin	429
Tar	921
Crude Turpentine	73

Receipts same day last year—86 casks spirits turpentine, 524 bbls rosin, 729 bbls tar, 40 bbls crude turpentine.

COTTON.

Market firm on a basis of 5⅜c for middling. Quotations:

Ordinary	3 15-16 cts	℔ ℔
Good Ordinary	4¼	" "
Low Middling	4 15-16	" "
Middling	5⅜	" "
Good Middling	5⅝	" "

Same day last year, middling 6½c.

Receipts—1 324 bales; same day last year, 925.

COUNTRY PRODUCE.

PEANUTS—North Carolina—Prime, 35@40c per bushel of 28 pounds; Extra Prime, 45c; Fancy, 50c. Virginia—Extra Prime, 45c; Fancy, 50c.

CORN—Firm; 47½@50 cents per bushel.

ROUGH RICE—$1.00@1.05 per bushel.

N. C. BACON—Steady; Hams, 8 to 9c per pound; Shoulders, 6 to 7c; Sides, 7 to 8c.

SHINGLES—Per thousand, five inch, hearts and saps, $1.60 to 2.25; six inch, $2 25 to 3.25; seven inch, $5.50 to 6.50.

TIMBER—Market steady at $3.00 to 8.50 per M.

FINANCIAL MARKETS.

By Telegraph to the Morning Star.

NEW YORK. Dec. 22—Evening.—Money on call stiff at 2½@4 per cent., last loan at 3, and closed offered at 2½@3 per cent. Prime mercantile paper 3½@4½ per cent. Sterling exchange dull and easy, with actual business in bankers' bills at 484½@484⅝ for demand; 481½@481⅝ for sixty days. Posted rates 482½@483½ and 485½@486½. Commercial bills 481. Silver certificates 56⅜@57⅜. Bar silver 56⅝. Mexican dollars 45⅝. Government bonds were firm; new fours, registered, 128⅝; new fours, coupon, 128⅝; fours, registered, 112⅝; fours, coupon, 114⅝; twos, registered, 99½; fives, registered 114½; fives, coupon, 114½. State bonds dull; North Carolina sixes 125; North Carolina fours 103

NAVAL STORES MARKETS.

By Telegraph to the Morning Star.

NEW YORK, Dec. 22.—Rosin steady. Spirits turpentine firm at 33@33½c.

CHARLESTON, Dec. 22.—Spirits turpentine firm; 30c bid and 30½c asked. no sales. Rosin firm and unchanged; no sales.

SAVANNAH, Dec. 22.—Spirits turpentine firm at 30⅝c, with sales of 1.005 casks; closed firm at 31c, with further sales of 50 casks; receipts 574 casks. Rosin firm; sales 2,500 barrels; receipts 4,699 barrels: A, B, C, D $1 20, E, F $1 25 G $1 35, H $1 45, I $1 60, K $1 75, M $1 95, N $2 30, W G $2 65, W W $3 35.

COTTON MARKETS.

By Telegraph to the Morning Star.

NEW YORK, December 22—To-day's cotton market had all the holiday characteristics, fluctuating very narrowly, the volume of business small and chiefly in the hands of the local element. Opening steady at one point decline to one point advance, the subsequent variations were within the scope of six points, The close was steady at a net gain of 3@4 points. The room traders had their interests fairly covered and were not disposed to add new responsibilities in view of the holidays. This morning's cables were regarded as encouraging to spot sales at Liverpool.

NEW YORK, Dec. 22.—Evening.—Cotton steady; middling 5⅝c.

Cotton futures closed steady; sales of 122 000 bales; January 5 76, February 5 79, March 5 84, April 5 89, May 5 94, June 5 98, July 6 02, August 6 06, September 6 05, October 6 03, December 5 75.

Spot cotton closed steady; middling uplands 5⅝c; middling gulf 6⅛c; sales 1,841 bales.

Cotton—net receipts 1,218 bales; gross 3 291 bales; exports to Great Britain 8 628 bales; to France —— bales; to the Continent 200 bales; forwarded 75 bales; sales 1,841 bales; sales to spinners 41 bales; stock (actual) 99 863 bales.

Total to-day—Net receipts 47 273 bales; exports to Great Britain 8 628 bales; to France 26.818 bales; to the Continent 14,283 bales; stock 1,181,742 bales.

Consolidated—Net receipts 262 059 bales; exports to Great Britain 83.688 bales; to France 30,938 bales; to the Continent 78,201 bales.

Total since September 1—Net receipts 5,103 846 bales; exports to Great Britain 1 689,928 bales; exports to France 473 376 bales; exports to the Continent 1,333,-278 bales.

Dec. 22.—Galveston, firm at 5 7-16c, net receipts 8 891 bales; Norfolk, steady at 5½, net receipts 2 883 bales; Baltimore, nominal at 5⅝, net receipts — bales; Boston, steady at 5⅝, net receipts 3 290 bales; Wilmington, firm at 5⅜, net receipts 1,324 bales; Philadelphia, firm at 6⅛, net receipts 446 bales; Savannah, steady at 5½, net receipts 6 486 bales, New Orleans, firm at 5 5-16, net receipts 18 893 bales; Mobile, quiet at 5 3-16, net receipts 1 351 bales; Memphis, steady at 5 5 16, net receipts 1 661 bales; Augusta, firm at 5½, net receipts 1 561 bales; Charleston, steady at 5 3-16, net receipts 3 291 bales.

PRODUCE MARKETS.

By Telegraph to the Morning Star.

NEW YORK, Dec. 22—Evening.—Flour moderately active, closing easy with wheat. Wheat—spot weak; No. 2 red $1 00⅝; options opened steady on unexpected favorable cables and later showed some firmness on light offerings and fair bull support, but finally broke sharply under liquidation in December, which closed ⅝c off against ⅛@¼c net loss in other months; No. 2 red January closed 98½@98⅝c, closed 98⅛c; May closed 93⅝c; December closed 99⅝c. Corn—spot easy; No 2 34⅞c f.o.b. afloat; options steady with wheat and ruled dull, selling off late under liquidation and closing unchanged; May closed 34⅛c. December closed 32⅝c. Oats—spot quiet; No. 2 27½@27⅛c; options inactive and barely steady, closing unchanged; February closed 27⅝c; December closed 27⅛c; May closed 27⅝c. Lard steady; Continent $5 00. Pork steady. Butter steady; Western creamery 15@23; do. factory 12@17c; Elgins 22c; imitation creamery 13½@18c; State dairy 13@20c; do. creamery 15@21c. Cheese quiet; large white September 8¼c; light skims 6@6½c; part skims 4½@5½c; full skims 3@4c. Petroleum dull. Rice steady. Cotton seed oil easier; prime crude 18@18½c; prime summer yellow 22c; off summer yellow 21c; butter oil 24@26c; prime winter yellow 27c. Coffee closed quiet with prices 5 to 10 points net decline. Sugar—raw strong; fair refining 3 9 16c; centrifugal 96 test 4 1-16c; refined firm.

CHICAGO, December 22.—It was a holiday market in wheat to-day. The price of May keeping within less than a cent range. Bears had a trifle the better of it, the close showing ¼ to ⅜c decline. December was weaker and declined 1⅝c on the selling of about 250,000 bushels. Corn, oats and provisions were dull but steady, and closed at prices unchanged to a point higher.

CHICAGO, Dec. 25.—Cash quotations: Flour firm. Wheat—No. 2 spring 88@89c; No. 3 spring 89@93c; No. 2 red 98⅜ Corn—No. 2, 26⅜c. Oats—No. 2, 23½c; No. 2 white f. o. b. —c; No. 3 white f. o. b. 23½@24c. Rye—No 2, 46½c. Mess pork, per barrel. $7 65@7 70 Lard, per 100 ℔s $4 57½@4 60. Short rib sides, loose. $4 47½@4 75. Dry salted shoulders, boxed, $4 62½@4 75 Short clear sides, boxed, $4 77½@5 00. Whiskey, distillers' finished goods, per gallon, $1 19.

The leading futures ranged as follows, opening, highest, lowest and closing: Wheat—December 93½, 99⅜, 98⅜, 98⅜; January 98⅜, 94, 93½, 93½; May 93½@93⅝, 93½@93⅝, 92⅜, 92⅞@93c. Corn—December 26½@26⅜, 26⅜@26½, 26½@26⅜ 26½@26⅜c; January 26½c; May 29⅜, 29½ 29½, 29⅜@29½c, 29½c. Oats—December 21⅝, 22, 21⅞, 21⅞@22c; May 22½, 22⅜, 22½, 22⅝c. Mess pork, per bbl—December $7 65; January $8 60, 8 70, 8 60, 8 70; May $8 85, 8 82½, 8 85, 8 92½. Lard, per 100 ℔s—December $4 45; January $4 52½, 4 57½, 4 50, 4 57½; May $4 70, 4 72½, 4 67½, 4 72½. Short ribs, per 100 ℔s—December $4 40, 4 42½, 4 40, 4 42½; January $4 40, 4 42½, 40, 4 42½; May $4 52½, 4 57½, 4 52½, 4 52½.

BALTIMORE, Dec. 22.—Flour inactive and unchanged. Wheat dull and easy; spot and month 97⅝@97⅝c; January 98@98½c; steamer No. 2 red 93½@93½c; Southern wheat by sample 93@98½c; do on grade 93@98c. Corn dull and lower; spot 33½@33⅝c; month 33½@33½c. December, new or old, 33½@33½c; January 33½c; February 33½@33⅝c; steamer mixed 31½@31½c. Southern white and yellow corn 29@34c. Oats easy; No. 2 white 29@29½c; No. 2 mixed 27@27½c.

MARINE.

CLEARED.

Brig Gabrielle, 483 tons, Munday, Boston, Geo Harriss, Son & Co.

Schr Silver Heels, 128 tons, Quinlan, Barbadoes, Jas T Riley & Co.

EXPORTS.

COASTWISE.

BOSTON—Brig Gabrielle—319,104 feet lumber; vessel by Geo Harriss, Son & Co; cargo by Hilton Lumber Co.

FOREIGN.

BARBADOES—Schr Silver Heels—68 856 feet lumber and 113,675 shingles, valued at $1,662; vessel by Jas T Riley & Co; cargo by Edward Kidder's Son.

MARINE DIRECTORY.

List of Vessels in the Port of Wilmington, N. C., Dec. 22, 1897.

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Cora M. 187 tons, Mitchell, Geo Harriss, Son & Co.
Mabel Darling (Br), 112 tons, Roberts, Geo Harriss, Son & Co.
Bessie Brown, 220 tons, Smith, Geo Harriss, Son & Co.
Roger Moore, 277 tons, Miller, Jas T Riley & Co.
May Thompson, 60 tons, Cahoon, Geo Harriss, Son & Co.

BARQUES.

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Poseidon (Nor), 544 tons, Pettersen, Pernambuco, Heide & Co.
Hans (Swed), 680 tons, Ebbefson, Heide & Co.

STEAMSHIPS.

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Yearby (Br), 1,955 tons, Goldsworthy, Alex Sprunt & Son.
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When you behold that white star shine
We see so dimly through the tears;
When you shall pass these doors of mine,
Or that dear spot where first we met,
You will forget.

You will forget—let me love on;
You have been all in all to me;
So when the past is dead and gone,
Like some fine golden phantasy,
Let me love on, to pay my debt—
You will forget.

—Pall Mall Gazette.

BARKER'S BICYCLE.

Barker is an old friend of mine, and this story is not told with any malicious intention. Not for the world would I do anything to rupture the bond of friendship which has existed between us for many years.

I have had a talk with Barker about it anyway, and he says he doesn't mind, provided I handle the thing in a neat and intelligent way and do not exaggerate, which I shall certainly be very careful not to do.

Barker is employed in a bank during the day. He has never made it very clear to me just what the nature of his occupation is in that institution, but he can be seen at any time between the hours of 10 and 3 seated on a high stool and waving a long black ruler. I am informed that he uses the ruler once in awhile to draw lines with, and even puts down an occasional figure in a large book that is always open in front of him, but this is only hearsay, and as I have promised to confine this narrative strictly to facts I would rather not make any positive statement about it.

But while it may be well to give some short insight into the nature of Barker's daily pursuits and the general tenor of his existence, it is by no means essential to the full comprehension of the events with which this story has to deal, as the scene is laid entirely after the set of sun, at which time Barker ceases to be an ordinary individual and becomes a bicycle fiend of the most desperate description. As a matter of fact it is entirely probable that such would have been his habitual condition at all hours if he had not found it necessary for financial reasons to waste his talents part of the time in a bank.

Barker's bicycle is a machine of the most approved pattern and equipped with all the latest appliances for securing speed, safety and grace. There was one point, however, on which he experienced great annoyance. He could never find a device which would exercise a sufficiently startling effect on pedestrians and make them jump out of his way in as lively a manner as he would like.

"A bell ain't worth a cent, you know," he would say to me. "People are getting so used to hearing them that they don't pay any attention to them. I ran over three boys, a dog and an old lady last week, and it's getting to be a nuisance."

I said I thought it was, and that I had no doubt the three little boys, the dog and the old lady also thought so.

"It's an outrage," said Barker, "when a man can't go along the street without being tipped over by people who don't look where they are going. There ought to be a law against it. Now, what I want on my bicycle is some sort of a thing that will show people who go rushing around the streets at night that they don't own the whole town.

"I don't mind telling you, though," added Barker, "that it will take a pretty smart man to invent something that will fill the bill. You see, it has got to be something out of the ordinary run. The only way I can make them move now is to yell at them, and there's too much work about that."

"Well, Barker," said I, "I am not an extraordinarily smart man, but if yelling at them makes them move I can fix you."

"How?" said Barker.

"Carry a phonograph," said I.

Barker stood for a few moments in profound meditation. Then he slapped me on the back with every appearance of enthusiasm.

"Perkins," said he, "you're an inventive genius. Now, here I've been puzzling my brains for a month about this thing and couldn't hit on a simple little scheme like that. I'll go and get a phonograph right away."

"There's one thing about it, Barker," said I, "and that is that phonographs cost a good deal of money."

"What do I care for that?" said he. "I'd rather pay $100 than be constantly in danger from those reckless people."

One or two evenings after this I was crossing Howard avenue when I heard a voice—Barker's voice, but with an unfamiliar nasal twang about it—hallooing at me, "Look out there!"

Involuntarily I started. There was an uncanniness about it—a weird and unnatural emphasis. It was a voice pregnant with the ring of authority, and as I stepped quickly to one side there shot by me a vision of gray golf stockings, sweater and cycling cap with which I was pretty well acquainted. So he had actually rigged up his wheel with a phonograph! Darting into a nearby bicycle agency, I hired a wheel in feverish haste and sped up the avenue in pursuit of the fleeting figure in gray. In the dim distance I could hear the howl of the fiendish thing as it sped on through the night, and as I spun over the asphalt with the speed of the wind the space between us lessened, and I began to catch the medley of shouts that were pouring forth from the vicinity of Barker's handle bars. He had evidently loaded it with a variety of expressions suitable for all sorts of emergencies, and the thing was splitting them out with an intelligence that bordered on the marvelous.

"Would you be so kind, miss," it said with the accent of a Chesterfield, as a woman of the fat and forty persuasion stepped in the way, "as to turn to the right a little? Aw, thanks!"

And the woman smiled at Barker and thought he was such a polite young man. A few rods farther on a small boy darted across the street beneath the flickering rays of the electric light.

"Hi, there!" yelled the phonograph. "Get a move on you now—yi! yi! yi!" Whereupon the boy was convinced he was being pursued by a lunatic and fled down a side street.

"Barker," said I solemnly, pushing my wheel up alongside of him by a tremendous effort, "you had better take that thing off."

"Why, how do you do?" said he. "Take it off! Why?"

"Because I am morally certain," said I, "that it's a violation of ordinance No. 5046. If one of those mounted policemen comes along and that thing howls at him, you'll go to jail."

But Barker evidently thought that was all nonsense. He didn't care if it violated the whole council series from A to izzard. He had got hold of an elegant thing and was going to stick to it, and I was a gay sort of a man to recommend it to him and then advise him to give it up. All this time the phonograph was talking in a tone of deep disgust to a heavy individual who was pedaling along in a leisurely way just in front of us, and who must have been stone deaf or he would certainly have clambered down and punched Barker's head.

Then I was initiated into the mysteries of the thing and saw how, by pushing a small attachment down so that it rubbed on the front wheel, the mechanism of the phonograph was made to revolve, and it shouted out whatever was in it until the clamp was released. Barker said he had talked into it half a day, and it was evidently well supplied with a vocabulary.

By the time we got to the club—for we belong to a club, both of us—Barker was in a state of hilarious delight, and half of the dogs, children and old ladies in town were on the verge of frenzy. Of course all the other fellows in the club had to learn all about it, and Barker pushed his machine around on the sidewalk and made the phonograph curse them and all their relatives to the tenth generation, which seemed to afford them the most unbounded pleasure.

As a fitting conclusion to the evening's entertainment we all went up stairs, and I regret to say that Barker, after placing the phonograph carefully on a table beside him, got as drunk as a lord and talked and sang and shouted in a very scandalous and disgraceful way.

After it was all over I took him home and put him to bed, and while doing this he informed me in a maudlin and disconnected way that he was going out riding the next evening with the two Cutter girls, daughters of old man Coupon Cutter, one of the directors in the bank, and he wished I would happen to drop around and ride with the big one, so he could talk to the little one. He said that I was his only friend, and that he loved the little one. He did not love her in an ordinary way, either, but in a way in which no one ever had loved before.

Now I like Barker, and he is a friend of mine, and as a matter of course it was only common charity to help him out in a case like that. So I gave him a lot of good advice about how to doctor his head in the morning, which he received with a very bad grace, and promised to be in the neighborhood of old Cutter's the next evening without fail.

I was a little late getting off, and had hardly got within sight of the house on the following night when I met the two girls and Barker coming toward me. He seemed to be in high spirits and was particularly jolly when they met me. I wanted to ask him about the phonograph, but hesitated to do so. He immediately mentioned the matter himself, however, and explained that the youngest Miss Cutter was infatuated with the thing and had insisted on having it put on her bicycle, and that they all were anxiously waiting for something to get in the way so they could give it a trial. I afterward discovered that Barker had represented to them that the whole thing was his own idea, and they had declared that he was wonderfully ingenious.

We had gone about three blocks, Barker and "the little one" being in front and the elder Miss Cutter and myself in the rear, when a man tried to cross the street in front of us.

"Hooray! Gimme another drink!" said the phonograph in a ghastly counterfeit of Barker's voice.

The man gazed at us in astonishment and fell into the gutter, Barker's machine wabbled violently, and I could see that his nerve had crumbled, while I felt a shiver along my own spine as I took in the situation.

"Her golden hair was hanging down her —h-h-hic—back!" sang the wretched instrument in Barker's well known treble. Evidently "the little one" couldn't loosen the clamp.

Drops of sweat stood on Barker's brow, and he tried to turn it off as a joke.

"Funny, ain't it?" said he. "Never can tell what it will say."

"You're a liar!" screamed the phonograph. "Come 'long now and pass the whisk."

I could see "the little one" turn pale, and the elder Miss Cutter was looking daggers at Barker.

"Tra la la, tra la la, wow, wow, wow, whoopee!" said the phonograph.

"Shay," it continued in a confidential whisper, "I'm struck on the—hic—prettiest—hic—girl"—

"Take it off!" growled Barker, making a lunge at the instrument, but his equilibrium was gone, and he fell into an ignominious heap on the pavement.

"Ho! ho! you're drunk!" shrieked the machine derisively as we started on and left him.

"Mr. Perkins," said the elder Miss Cutter, dismounting and pointing imperiously in the direction of her sister's wheel, "take that thing off!"

I obeyed her with the utmost alacrity and cast it at the dark spot where its owner was reposing.

"Now," said the elder Miss Cutter, "take us home, sir."

And so I did, and when old man Cutter looked at me in an inquiring way over the top of his glasses I felt as guilty as a man who had robbed a bank and strangled the janitor.

They didn't ask me to come in, and so I went off to hunt up Barker. I found him sitting on the curbstone pounding at something with a brick.

"What's that?" said I.

"I never saw a man who could ask so many foolish questions," said he sulkily, and then he climbed up on his bicycle and rode away, and now I understand that the board of directors have become economical and cut down his salary.—New Orleans Times-Democrat.

Manning and Newman.

When Manning, in 1867, wanted to get into relations with Newman (seeing that the absolute separation was damaging to the Catholic cause as indicating division in the church), Newman wrote him frankly that he distrusted him and could not get over his distrust. He said pointedly that there was no short cut to a restoration of confidence, but that new deeds only could reverse the old. Manning answered with a tu quoque, quoting Newman's words to him, "I have felt you difficult to understand and that your words have not prepared me for your acts." The upshot of the correspondence was a final brief note from Newman saying to Manning: "I do not know whether I am on my head or my heels when I have active relations with you. In spite of my friendly feelings this is the judgment of my intellect." This terminated all intercourse for years. —Forum.

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If the children of Israel of old found the land of Canaan a land flowing with milk and honey, they must have fared, in at least one respect, like the modern traveler in Greece, who finds the fine honey of Hymettus distributed with lavish hand down the breakfast tables in large soup plates, while the Athenian butter (of goat's milk, of course) is not so very unlike Devonshire cream, and the two go very well together. "Butter and honey shall he eat and shall know how to choose the good and refuse the evil." One can buy honey cake at a roadside station in Ellis, not far from Olympia—thick, stiff, viscid lumps about the color of oatmeal porridge, which tastes much better than it looks and is, let us say, the lineal descendant of the honey cake which the ancient Greek sacrificed to keep off the furies.—Westminster Gazette.

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Leave Rural Hall	10 04 "
Leave Walnut Cove	10 38 "
Leave Stokesdale	11 06 "
Arrive Greensboro	11 55 "
Leave Greensboro	12 15 p m
Leave Climax	12 43 "
Leave Sanford	2 35 "
Leave Fayetteville Junction	3 56 "
Leave Fayetteville	4 00 "
Leave Fayetteville	4 10 "
Arrive Wilmington	7 20 "

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Arrive Maxton	9 02 "
Leave Maxton	9 07 "
Leave Red Springs	9 15 "
Leave Hope Mills	10 30 "
Arrive Fayetteville	10 40 "

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Leave Red Springs	5 43 "
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Leave Maxton	6 15 "
Arrive Bennettsville	7 15 "

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Leave Climax	8 26 "	
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Leave Greensboro	9 35 "	
Leave Stokesdale	11 07 "	
Arrive Madison	11 55 "	

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Leave Greensboro	3 15 "	
Leave Climax	4 25 "	
Arrive Ramseur	5 10 "	

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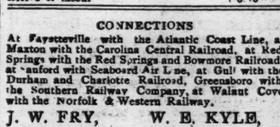

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DAILY 7.15 P M — No. 40—Passenger—Due Magnolia 8.56 p m, Warsaw 9.10 p m, Goldsboro 10.10 p m, Wilson 11.06 p m, †Tarboro 6 45 a m, Rocky Mount 11.57 p m, Weldon 1.42 a m, †Norfolk 10.30 a m, Petersburg 3 14 a m, Richmond 4.10 a m, Washington 7.41 a m, Baltimore 9.03 a m, Philadelphia 11.35 a m, New York 3.03 p m, Boston 9.00 p m.

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ARRIVALS AT WILMINGTON—FROM THE NORTH.

DAILY 5.20 P M — No. 49—Passenger—Leave †Boston 1.03 p m, *New York 9.00 p m, Philadelphia 12.05 a m, Baltimore 2.50 a m, Washington 4.30 a m, Richmond 9.05 a m, Petersburg 10.00 a m, Norfolk 8.40 a m, Weldon 11.59 a m, Tarboro 12.13 p m, Rocky Mount 12 47 p m, Wilson 2 37 p m, Goldsboro 3.20 p m, Warsaw 4.11 p m, Magnolia 4 34 p m.

DAILY 9.30 a m — No. 41—Passenger—Leave Boston 12 night, New York 9.30 a m, Philadelphia 12.09 p m, Baltimore 2.26 p m, Washington 3.46 p m, Richmond 7.30 p m, Petersburg 8.12 p m, †Norfolk 3.30 p m, Weldon 9.43 p m, †Tarboro 6.01 p m, Rocky Mount 5

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THURSDAY MORNING, DEC. 23, 1897

RECIPROCITY NEGOTIATIONS

Practically Suspended Between the United States and Germany—At a Standstill With France.

By Telegraph to the Morning Star.

WASHINGTON, December 22.—The reciprocity negotiations between the United States and Germany are practically suspended. They never got beyond the initial stage. There appears to have been a willingness on the part of both governments to look into the subject, but the inquiry did not develop any prospects of material concessions on either side. The articles on which reciprocity "agreement" can be made are produced in France and not in Germany. The utmost extent of a reciprocity treaty between the United States and Germany, under the present law, would be a twenty per cent. reduction of duty on certain agreed upon German products. Germany is chiefly concerned about sugar, but the twenty per cent. reduction in duty permitted under the Dingley law, it is said, would be of insignificant consequence. Moreover, some doubt has arisen as to whether any concessions on this article would be granted by the United States in view of the tendency toward building up the American sugar trade as against that of bounty-paying nations.

The negotiations with France are similarly at a standstill, owing to the course of the French Government in raising the duties on lard and other American products. The reciprocity negotiations with Great Britain as to the British West Indies are proceeding slowly, but an agreement is not expected in the near future.

CASE GIVEN TO THE JURY

Third Day of the Trial of John Andersen for the Murder of Mate Saunders of the Schooner Olive Pecker.

By Telegraph to the Morning Star.

NORFOLK, VA., Dec. 22.—The third day of the trial of John Andersen in the Federal court upon the charge of murdering William Wallace Saunders, mate of the schooner Olive Pecker, sees the evidence all in and argument completed. The case went to the jury at half past 5 o'clock and court adjourned until 10 o'clock to-morrow. The general impression is that a verdict will be reached in a comparatively short time and that the verdict will be guilty as charged in the indictment, though whether the jury will avail itself of the privilege affixing the "without capital punishment" clause, cannot be predicted. Of course there is a possibility of acquittal, but this is considered extremely remote. Under the ruling of the court the jury must either find Andersen guilty, as charged in the indictment or not guilty. There can be no verdict of manslaughter.

DRY GOODS MARKET.

A Reaction in the Shape of an Advance on Several Principal Lines.

By Telegraph to the Morning Star.

NEW YORK, December 22.—The heavy sales which have followed the recent reductions in bleached goods have proved to be a great service in reducing stocks and producing a reaction in the dry goods market in the shape of an advance on several of the principal lines yesterday. This, it is understood, will be followed by a corresponding advance in other quarters, although it is probable that the sale of goods in the lines less widely known has been more restricted than in Lonsdale and Fruit of the Loom bleached cottons. The advances made were as follows: Dwight Anchor 4-4 bleached, 1¼ per cent; Dwight Anchor 4-4 and 4 4½ bleached, 2¼ per cent., and Fruit of the Loom 4 4 bleached, ½ per cent., bringing the price of the latter to 6 cents per yard. This, of course, has resulted in reducing the amount and number of orders received, and has caused some "shopping" on the part of buyers and a natural gain in the sales of less important lines.

CORNER-STONE LAID.

The Monument to be Erected in Asheville to the Memory of the Late Zebulon B. Vance.

By Telegraph to the Morning Star.

ASHEVILLE N. C., December 22.—The corner stone of a monument to be erected to the memory of the late Senator Zebulon B Vance, was laid to-day on the public square with Masonic ceremonies. A large number of spectators from Asheville and the surrounding country were present. The oration was delivered by Rev. Dr. R. R. Swope, rector of All Souls, Biltmore. Owing to the inclement weather part of the ceremony was held in the court house. The monument will be of granite, seventy-five feet high, being a plain shaft, with the single word "Vance" at the base. Prominent Masons were present from all parts of the State. All the money necessary to the erection of the monument has been subscribed.

JAPAN AND HAWAII.

No Further Protest by the Japanese Government as to Annexation by the United States.

By Telegraph to the Morning Star.

WASHINGTON, December 22.—Minister Hoshi, of Japan, was in conference with Secretary Sherman at the State Department to-day. The status of the Hawaiian negotiations has changed materially since the minister's return from Japan. There is no further protest on the part of the Japanese Government to the annexation of the islands and, indeed, it is asserted that Japan's policy never went to the extent of a positive protest. In any event that branch of the question is considered closed and the present purpose of the Japanese authorities is to secure specific assurance from the United States that, in case Hawaii is annexed, all Japanese interests will be fully protected.

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CHINA AND THE POWERS

THE SITUATION IN THE FAR EAST GROWING IN INTEREST.

Chinese Councils Divided as to Whether It Shall be Peace or War With Germany—China Regards Russia as Her Only Friend—Interest Manifested as to the Attitude of the United States.

By Cable to the Morning Star.

PEKIN, December 22.—The Chinese Government has granted Russia permission to winter a squadron at Port Arthur. Great Britain demands a *quid pro quo* if concessions have been made to other Powers. It has been suggested that the Japanese and British occupy Wei-Hai-Wei jointly.

The situation at Kiao Chou Bay is unchanged. Germany remains unyielding and the Chinese councils are divided as to whether it should be peace or war with Germany. China regards Russia as her only friend, and is asking her advice alone in spite of official denials; it is regarded as proved that Port Arthur and Kiao Chou Bay were promised to Russia by a secret treaty.

British influence is nil, having suffered greatly through the failure of the loan negotiations. China is now negotiating a loan with Russia. The latter demands the dismissal of the British railroad engineers in North China and it is probable that it will be granted. The German drill instructors will be dismissed at the expiration of their contracts, and will be replaced by Russians. Russian officers have already been appointed to drill the armies of North China.

WASHINGTON, December 22.—It is understood that the authorities here have been officially sounded as to the attitude of the United States toward the complications in the far East, with a view to learning whether American interests in China were regarded as sufficient to warrant any active steps by this government. From what source the inquiries have come is not disclosed. If from Great Britain it must have come through Col. Hay, the American Ambassador at London, as the British officials here have received no instructions as to the Chinese situation. It is well understood, however, that Great Britain would look with favor on any active step by the United States which would serve as a check for the advances of Germany and Russia. The British interests in China are ten times greater than those of Germany, Russia and the United States, and yet, with Germany and Russia firmly located on Chinese soil, Great Britain is left in a sort of cul-de-sac. It is known, also, that the Chinese authorities would welcome a movement by the United States, and that this has been communicated to officials here. Although these soundings, for they amount to nothing more as yet, have not taken official form, they have been sufficient to gain a pretty general understanding as to the attitude of this Government. This, in brief, is that the United States has no interest in territorial extension now going on in China; that she will not land at any of the coast ports of China, as Germany and Russia have done, and that her only concern is to guard established American interests in China.

ST. PETERSBURG, December 22.—In a strongly anti-British article to-day the *Novosti* says:

"In consequence of the pretension of England to compensate herself for the Russian occupation of Port Arthur by the acquisition of Port Hamilton or Lazareff, and in view of the possibility of the disturbing action of Japan, Europe stands on the brink of grave diplomatic complications. It is therefore well to recall that the reinforcement of the German squadron in the Pacific permits Russia, France and Germany to effectively prevent a disturbance of the balance of power between the three Powers on one hand and Great Britain and Japan on the other, such as might be produced by violent seizures of territory."

In conclusion, the *Novosti* expresses the hope that the isolation of Great Britain in regard to the other European Powers will paralize her action sufficiently to permit the preservation of peace from the dangers threatening it at the present moment.

BERLIN, December 22.—Emperor William, while visiting Grandenz yesterday evening, said to the burgomaster: "My solicitude for your town aims at seeing it more fully equipped as a fortress, in order that it may be able to withstand any pressure in the future. I hope, however, that it may never happen, for our eastern neighbor is a dear, loyal friend of mine and has the same political views as myself."

VIENNA, December 22.—The *Deutsche Zeitung* says: "The United States, which from its geographical position has a greater interest in the opening up of China than all European Powers together, cannot possibly consent to its partition or to division into spheres of influence without having a voice in the matter. It would be a great mistake to under-estimate the strength of the United States, and a partition of China would be impossible without America's approval and participation.

"The European powers will do well to give timely attention to the just aspirations and inertests of the United States."

LONDON, December 22.—The Pekin correspondent of the *Times* says:

"The Chinese are provisioning Port Arthur and will reconstruct the forts there. Russia supervising and furnishing the money. In the face of this indication of permanent occupation, the necessity of safe-guarding the position in the far East increases."

The Russo-Chinese bank, which is the agent of the Russian government, has offered to China 120 000 Berdan rifles, with payment five years hence. China has accepted the proposal.

According to a dispatch to the *Times* from Kobe, Japan, the news from Port Arthur has greatly disturbed the Japanese ministers. Long cabinet councils have been held and the high military officials have attended.

LONDON, December 22.—Some of the Russian papers are ironical at Germany's expense. The *Bourse Gazette* of Odessa hints that by the time Prince Henry and the German squadron reach China they may find the Tsung-Li Yamen has prepared an unexpected reception for intrusive guests.

The *Mirovige Otgoloski* reminds Emperor William of Napoleon III's attempt to plant his power in Mexico.

WEYLER INTERVIEWED.

The Ex-Captain General of Cuba Declares There is No Hope for the Success of Autonomy.

By Cable to the Morning Star.

MADRID, Dec. 22.—General Weyler, in an interview just published, is quoted as declaring formally that there is no hope of the success of autonomy, adding that no insurgent will submit except to the Marquis of Santa Lucia and another chief, asserting that the insurrection would continue furiously. The General is also quoted as saying that if the Spanish Government persisted in autonomy Spain would lose Cuba in a few months. In conclusion, General Weyler said he opposed the dissolution of the Chamber until the Government renounced its policy of giving Cuba an autonomous form of government.

Complete and revised returns from the 191 voting precincts of Boston, Mass., show that Mayor Josiah Quincy, Democrat, was re-elected by a plurality of 4,079 votes.

FINISH WAR WITH WAR.

GEN PANDO SAYS NO OTHER COURSE IS OPEN TO THE SPANIARDS.

All Negotiations With the Cuban Insurgents Have Failed—Denial of Report That Gen. Aranguren Was Killed With Ruiz.

By Cable to the Morning Star.

HAVANA, December 22.—Agripino Ortiz, the orderly of Colonel Nestor Aranguren, has surrendered and been brought to Havana. In the presence of ocal newspaper men and a number of correspondents of American and other foreign newspapers, he said to-day that the late Lieutenant Colonel Joaquin Ruiz was expected by Colonel Aranguren, as letters had been exchanged between them. Ruiz, he says, was very affectionately received, and after breakfasting together and conversing privately for an hour they went, with guides, to Sierra Jaruco.

Ortiz does not know what occurred afterward, but says he does not believe that Colonel Aranguren betrayed the trust reposed in him by Ruiz. He thinks that owing to a difference existing between Aranguren and the insurgent leader Rafael de Cardenas, the latter maliciously ambushed them and killed Ruiz. He suspects, however, that Aranguren was killed also, though unable to confirm his suspicion.

HAVANA, December 22 (via Key West, Fla.)—All the best informed persons deny that Aranguren was killed with Ruiz. On the contrary, there is good authority for the report that immediately after Ruiz was macheted Aranguren was promoted from the rank of Colonel to that of Brigadier General.

General Pando has written to Captain General Blanco to say that all the commissioners who have been sent to the insurgent camps proposing peace with autonomy have failed, and that therefore no other course is open than to finish the war with war.

In a telegram to General Blanco, protesting in the name of the Cuban autonomists against the killing of Lieut.-Col. Ruiz, Senor Marcos Garcia says the autonomists have observed a passive attitude, but from this date they will "help crush the rebellion," adding that "the war must be finished with war."

PHILADELPHIA, December 22.—The *Press* to-morrow will publish a sensational letter written to a resident of this city by "a distinguished resident" of Havana, whose name is withheld for obvious reasons. The letter says in part:

"The friend tells me that Dr. Congosto, who is the Machiavelli of General Blanco, has several schemes in store, the most important of which are the following:

"Dr. Congosto has sent an emissary to New York, where he hopes to join one of the filibustering expeditions and reach the army under Gomez. He is to find out the depots and the hospitals. When an occasion presents itself he is to murder General Gomez. His recompense for all these services will be some thousands of dollars.

"The second scheme is with reference to overtures to be made to those fighting in the field for Cuban liberty. You know as well as I do the old man Jose Reban, and you remember as well I do that in the former uprisings he showed himself to be a Spaniard of Spaniards. Now his son Luis is the leader commanding the insurgent brigade in Sagua.

"Now Dr. Congosto has conceived the idea of sending the father to the son with propositions looking toward autonomy, thus placing the son in the position of either shooting his father or being himself declared a traitor. The poor old man refused, but I know not how long he may withstand the pressure that is being brought to bear on him."

The last scheme is as follows: "Dr. Congosto is endeavoring to secure the services of some prominent man in the United States. This prominent person is to come here and on his return to the States is to declare that autonomy is an accomplished fact, that peace is firmly established, and other foolish things.

"I very much fear that if this gentleman (Lee) does not take his departure in good time he is running the risk of being blown to pieces."

BARQUE MARION S. HARRISS

Arrival of Members of the Crew of the Wrecked Vessel at New York—Story of the Disaster.

By Telegraph to the Morning Star.

NEW YORK, December 22.—On board the steamer Havelius, which arrived to day from Brazilian ports, were chief officer Hooper, second mate Bentley and three seamen of the American barque Marion S. Harriss, which went ashore on November 16th on a coral reef, near Cape St. Roque, and became a total loss. The vessel sailed from New York on October 9th, bound for Rio Janeiro, laden with case oil and lumber. All went well until November 16th, in latitude 7th, longitude 33, when the wind became baffling and a heavy rain set in with a strong set of current from the northwest at 8 30 p. m. The weather being very thick the vessel struck a coral reef about six miles off shore, where she remained hard and fast with the sea breaking over her. Captain Dazey launched the life-boat and proceeded to Natal in search of assistance. Meanwhile, the vessel was surrounded by a swarm of piratical natives from the coast. The crew, with the greatest difficulty, managed to keep them from boarding and looting the vessel of her stores and cargo. On the 17th the vessel commenced to break up. Towards night Captain Dazey returned to the vessel with a lighter, but her crew refused to proceed to salve the cargo, hoping she would quickly break up. There being no possible hope of saving her, she was abandoned and the crew took to the boats and landed at Natal on November 22nd, where they were taken care of by the American counsel, who after eight days forwarded them to Pernambuco, where they took passage home by the steamer Hevellius.

EARTHQUAKES IN MEXICO.

Believed That a Subsidence or Rise of the Western Coast is Taking Place.

By Telegraph to the Morning Star.

CITY OF MEXICO, December 22.—The National Meteorological Observatory reports to-day much seismic activity on the western coast, where there were earthquakes this morning at Santa Cruz, the Pacific terminus of the Tehuantepec railway, at Tehuantepec, Juitepec, Jachitian and the City of Oaxaca, where there was a prolonged subterranean roaring, causing some consternation. The movement was both horizontal and vertical. Scientific men regard the very frequently reported phenomena with much interest and the belief is expressed among them that either there is a subsidence or rise of the coast going on, but not accurately determined yet.

Fortunately there has been no loss of life owing to the precautions taken by the inhabitants. The regions affected are remote from this city and the reports come in slowly in confirmation and amplification of the telegraphic information.

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RALEIGH NEWS BUDGET.

The State's Revenue—Oyster Roast at the Executive Mansion—Governor Russell's Railway Commissioners—Inspection of the Insane Asylum.

[*Special Star Correspondence.*]

RALEIGH, N. C., December 22.

Mr. T. L. Shaw, who was for a long while foreman of the Seaboard shops at Laurinburg, died here this morning. The remains will be sent to Laurinburg to-day.

The Board of Aldermen, it is said, will refuse to grant liquor license to three saloons in the city at the meeting Friday.

The receipts for whiskey license in the revenue office here yesterday were the largest of the year. They amounted to $8,000.

The Auditor says that the State will have a surplus at the end of the next fiscal year approximating $100,000 if the receipts continue as good as they were during the fiscal year just ended. The Auditor, perhaps, fails to take into account the fact that the State Treasurer has refused to meet legislative appropriations exceeding that amount. If the Treasurer had met all appropriations promptly, the State would be badly in debt.

Governor Russell gave an oyster roast at the Executive mansion last evening.

Both Caldwell and Pearson, whom Governor Russell appointed railway commissioners, were in the city yesterday, and at 5 o'clock were waiting at the Capitol to get tidings of Supreme Court decisions. The court will hand down decisions throughout the week, and it is among the probabilities that the railway commission will be disposed of.

The Board of Public Charities will complete its labors to night. To-day the Insane Asylum here was inspected. Chairman Duffy says some of the annual reports received from the officers of the State charitable and penal institutions were unsatisfactory. The larger number of them were excellent. Mr. Duffy says the reports were better as a whole than those of previous years.

In his report Dr. Kirby mentioned that there was more insanity in proportion to the population in the western part of the State than in the east. Dr. Murphy, of the Western Asylum, stated just the opposite in his report. The discussion on this point by these two eminent authorities is particularly interesting.

A STRIKE THREATENED.

Operatives of Fall River Mills Oppose a Reduction of Wages.

By Telegraph to the Morning Star.

FALL RIVER, MASS., December 22.—The cotton manufacturers are confronted with a prospect of a strike, as many of the operatives are determined to oppose a reduction of wages. A section of the Union officials and members favor a strike at seven mills on January 3rd. The mills which they suggest are the Union, Sagamore, Border City, Shove, Durfee, Chace and American. These mills employ about 11,000 operatives. Another plan of action proposes a strike at all of the mills on March 1st. The manufacturers are waiting to hear from M. C. D. Borden, of New York, owner of the Iron Works Mills who has as yet taken no action on the wage question.

COAL MINE TROUBLES.

U. S. Marshals Stop the Attempt to Prevent Non-Union Men Working.

By Telegraph to the Morning Star.

POMEROY, OHIO, December 22.—The expected invasion of Ohio miners into West Virginia, to-day, to stop non-union miners from working at New Haven was a failure. The hundred who did get there were served with injunctions by United States deputy marshals, restraining them from going on the premises of the Consumers' and Coal Mining Company. Fifty non-union men worked in the mines to-day undisturbed. The sheriff and his deputies left the scene to-night. Two United States officers are still there, but trouble is anticipated.

WARM WHELETS

Brig M. C. Haskell, Wingfield cleared yesterday at Punta Gorda, Fla., for Wilmington, N. C.

Fire at Chicago destroyed three brick warehouses of the Andrews Furniture Company. Loss about $100 000.

The fight between Wolcott and Tracey at Chicago, has been finally set for Monday night. Both men have completed training and are in excellent condition.

At Milwaukee, Wis., yesterday, Walter C Singer, bicycle rider, broke his own world's in-door record for half a mile unpaced, riding the distance in one minute flat.

The jury in the case of Edward J. Ratcliffe, the actor, who has been on trial in New York city, charged with wife beating, returned a verdict of assault in the third degree.

J Embrey Allen, major of the second regiment Kentucky State guards, received a special delivery letter last night ordering him to hold the Lexington company in readiness for marching to some unknown point to protect toll gates.

Impressive funeral services were held in Washington, D. C., over the remains of Miss Leila Herbert, daughter of ex-Secretary Herbert, at St. Andrews Episcopal church. A large and distinguished gathering was in attendance. The floral offerings were magnificent.

Twenty persons were injured, three perhaps fatally, at a grade crossing on the Delaware, Lackawanna and Western railroad between Passaic and Delaware, N. J., last night. They were in a stage, which was struck by the train. That any of them escaped is regarded as marvelous.

R. N. Frenger, of Greenville Augusta Co., Va., who shot and killed E. A. Merritt, one night last week, was before a magistrate yesterday and committed on the charge of murder. The coroner's jury has rendered a verdict of unlawful, but not felonious shooting. It is represented that feeling runs high against Frenger in his neighborhood.

Triboulet, the Jester.

Here is a story of Triboulet, the jester of Francis I and probably the most famous in history:

"A great nobleman who had suffered from Triboulet's gibes threatened to have him flogged. The jester complained to the king. 'Have no fear,' Francis said, 'for if any one were bold enough to kill you I should have him hanged in an hour afterward.' 'Oh, sire,' replied Triboulet, 'would it not please your majesty to have him hanged an hour before?' Triboulet happened to be present at a meeting of the council at which there was a discussion as to the road by which the French army should invade Italy. 'Gentlemen,' interrupted the jester, 'you appear to consider yourselves very wise, but you are strangely mistaken, for you have forgotten the most essential point.' 'And what is the most essential point?' queried a grave councilor. 'It is simple enough,' answered Triboulet. 'You have deliberated at great length as to the road by which you shall enter Italy, but you have never thought of the one you will take when you have to leave it again.'"

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USE OF THE SENSES.

Habit and Experience Play a Part In Seeing and Hearing.

If we ask ourselves just how it is that we see, hear and receive impressions from the senses, we shall soon discover two things. The first is that the explanations "we see with our eyes," "we hear with our ears," etc., is not quite satisfactory. It is easy enough to explain how certain rays of light impinge on the retina of the eye and certain waves of air on the drum of the ear, but how these purely physical things are converted into purely psychical things of sight and hearing no one can explain.

Our second discovery will be that it is not by the eye alone that we see or by the ear alone that we hear. Memory, or rather experience or habit, plays a great part in all sensations, though we do not often notice it unless our attention is drawn to the fact by some circumstance that puts experience at fault and thus produces a sense illusion.

Have you ever noticed, for instance, how experience helps you to recognize the position of sounds? If one made a noise at a little distance from you, you could instantly tell from what direction it came, because experience has taught you to judge of this matter through the very slight difference in the intensity of sound in your two ears. An experiment will readily prove this.

Stop up the left ear firmly with cotton wool and go into a dark room with some one else who carries a bell. Let the other person strike the bell in different parts of the room, yourself remaining still. No matter where the bell is, it will always seem to you to sound on your right side, even though it may actually be near the left ear. Persons deaf in one ear can never tell whence a sound comes. It takes two ears to do this.

How far experience is our helper in vision may be appreciated when it is remembered that the image of anything we see is received by the eye upside down, yet our constant experience has so habituated us to the fact that we never know it.

It is a sort of experience illusion which makes the telegraph posts during a railway journey appear to move backward, as though they, too, were in motion. We are not accustomed to move so fast. It is easier for the brain to think that something else moves. Of course the most familiar instance of this class of illusion, however, is the phenomena of sunrise and sunset—the apparent daily motion of the sun across our sky. For all terrestrial purposes it is true to say that the sun is motionless. This apparent motion of it is due to the revolution of the earth itself, not to any motion of the sun.—Cincinnati Enquirer.

Presence of Mind.

A person who knows exactly the right thing to do in a sudden emergency, without stopping to think at all, deserves to have his presence of mind noted and commended. A German drum major has lately attained such distinction, with good reason.

A regiment of the imperial army, resting on a country road, was appalled to see a great bull madly pursuing a little child in a field which was near by and yet so far away that the child could not be reached in time to save it, nor yet saved by the shooting of the animal.

The bull had his horns down, and all the soldiers were horrified to see that in another moment the child must be gored to death. For an instant no one seemed to know what to do, and then the drum major shouted to the buglers of the band, who stood near with their instruments in their hands to sound a loud blast. They looked aghast.

"Sound, I say, for God's sake, to save the child!" he repeated

Then the buglers blew a blast at the top of their lungs. The drum major knew that animals of the cow kind are so much affected by strange and high pitched musical sounds that they seem compelled to imitate them. This bull proved to be no exception to the rule.

As soon as he heard the bugle blast he paused in his pursuit of the child, glanced toward the band, raised his head and began to bellow madly. The buglers kept up as high and discordant a tumult as they could, and meantime soldiers were running to the rescue of the child.

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